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THE PILGRIM

CHURCH REGISTER AND RECORD

WITH AN INTRODUCTION

(FOR THE COMBINED REGISTER AND RECORD)

EXPLAINING ITS USE TO PASTORS AND CHURCH CLERKS; CONTAINING ALSO SUGGESTIONS AS TO A PRACTICAL WAY OF KEEPING A PARISH REGISTER, WITH HINTS AND FORMS FOR RECORDING THE TRANSACTIONS OF A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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PREFACE

To the Combined Register and Record.

THIS book is intended to furnish to the churches of our order the forms for a complete and condensed Register and Record. It has a place for all that is essential and for more than is usually recorded by the clerks of our churches. It is based on the experience of a pastor of systematic habits who has had to do with model church clerks. It is simpler than other books made for the same purpose and lower in price. This last is especially true of the edition intended for the newer and smaller churches.

A place is prepared for the register of Pastors, Deacons, other officers, Delegates appointed by the church, Baptisms, Members Received, Members Removed, Marriages, Charities and Expenses, an Annual Summary of the figures furnished for the Year-Book, and a page for the statistics of the Sunday-school. To this there are added in the smaller edition pages for records of organization and church meetings, and in the larger, where a separate book for records is desirable (which is published under the name of "The Pilgrim Church Record"), an alphabetical index. This, it is believed, comprises all which any church really needs to keep a complete account of its transactions and condition.

In the register of Members Received the numbers in the left-hand column should be consecutive, the names being recorded according to the date of reception. This same number should be repeated wherever the name of the person to whom it refers is used in the lists of officers or members.

In the page of Charities our seven denominational societies are named in the order in which they appear in the Year-Book. Other objects may be written in. Each perpendicular column stands for one year; the totals may thus be easily added. The amounts given to each object should include all money which has gone to it through the church treasurer, the Sunday-school, and any of the organized missionary societies of the church.

The suggestions following are commended to the attention of Clerks and Pastors.

GEORGE M. BOYNTON,
Secretary Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society.

TO CHURCH CLERKS.

Suggestions as to the Records of a Church.

As it is frequently the case that the duties of Church Clerk are laid upon those who have had no experience in such work, it has been thought wise to give a few practical suggestions and forms for recording the ordinary business of a church.

In the matter of organization it is of importance and of increasing interest as the years pass by, to have a full and exact history recorded of the beginnings of a Christian church.

If it has not been done at the time, let each Church Clerk procure the facts in regard to the first steps which led to the organization, and the first preliminary meeting, with the names of those present. If the Sunday-school was at the foundation of the church, write an account of that, by whom gathered, the numbers at the beginning, etc. Be sure and record the vote by which the organization was determined. Record in full the Constitution and Articles of Faith and Covenant adopted; and, if the church is legally incorporated, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Only *records of church meetings* should be entered in this book. If the church committee keep records of their doings, it should be in a separate book and not among the records of the church.

What to enter in the records. — It is not necessary nor usually advisable to record discussions or the names of those taking part in them, or of the movers of resolutions. The records are of the things which have been resolved and voted by the church, and should be confined strictly to these.

The important things to be entered are: — 1. The time and place of meeting. 2. The devotional services with which the meeting is opened. 3. The name of the moderator. 4. The reading of records of past meetings and their approval by the church. 5. The reports of committees accepted and by vote placed on file (not to be copied into the minutes but referred to). 6. The recommendations of committees adopted, or the resolutions or motions passed by vote of the church. 7. The adjournment. 8. The signature of the Clerk.

The records of *the Annual Meeting* should be made with especial care. The fact that the notice was given as required by the Constitution of the church should be stated, and the reports received, elections of officers, and votes of the meeting should be carefully recorded. It is not necessary nor wise to enter in the records the names of those who receive votes but are not elected, nor the number of votes cast for or against any officer who is elected. The fact of the election and the mode, as by ballot or acclamation, are enough.

In *meetings relating to the call of a Pastor*, it is customary to record the votes more fully; to spread upon the records the letter extending the call to him, and his answer thereto, and the appointment of the committee to arrange for a council, if one is held, and the reference of this action to the society for their concurrence, if that is a necessary part of the action.

The following forms for recording the ordinary transactions of a church meeting are given, not as the only right way, but as a simple and correct mode of expressing the facts: —

Time, Place, etc. A meeting of the Church was held at [place, month, day, year, hour, P.M. or A.M.], [the Pastor, Deacon ——, or Bro.——] in the chair. Prayer was offered by [——].

The Records of the last [or —— number of previous meetings] were read and approved.

Reports of Committees. The Committee on —— reported in writing and their report was accepted and ordered on file; [or] reported verbally and their report was accepted and the following recommendation adopted: — [here quote exactly the recommendation thus adopted].

Votes and Resolutions. *It was Voted* that [here record the question exactly as put by the moderator]; or, *It was Resolved* that: — [here copy the resolution, which should always be presented in writing by the mover].

Reception to Membership. The Church Committee reported that the following persons had presented letters of dismission and recommendation to this church, namely: —

Mr. —— —— and Mrs. —— ——, his wife, from the —— Church of ——; also, Miss ——, from the —— Church of ——. The committee recommend that they be received to its membership, on entering into covenant with the Church. Also, that —— —— and —— —— be received upon confession of their faith and entering into covenant. The recommendation was adopted.*

Church Discipline. Mr. —— ——, having absented himself from the meetings of this church for —— years, and refusing to recognize his covenant obligations to it after faithful effort on the part of the Church; [or] having been absent from this place for —— years and the Church being unable to ascertain his address or to communicate with him; [or] having become a persistent violater of the —— Commandment and refusing to amend his life [or any other careful statement of the facts of the case], is hereby declared to be no longer in the communion of this Church.

Adjourned.

(Signed.)

—— —— [Clerk.]

* The record may be completed by a note signed by the Clerk, as follows: — [Note.] The above persons were thus publicly received on Sunday [month, day].

[Forms for Letters Missive for organization, for ordination or installation, for certificates of licensure and ordination, for letters of dismission, etc., can be found in The Pilgrim Pastor's Manual and in Dexter's Handbook. Those in most common use are also printed on heavy paper, full letter size, with blanks for filling in names and dates, by the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, at 5 cents each, 12 copies for 25 cents, postpaid.]

TO PASTORS.

While a register is indispensable to a Church Clerk, it is a great convenience and aid to the Pastor to keep a similar book for himself, for his present use and for his permanent possession. It will often prove a help in securing accuracy on the part of the Clerk, by at least annual comparison when the report is made for the state minutes.

A suggestion is also offered, which has been found of practical advantage by the writer, as to the best way, especially in a large church, of keeping an accurate PARISH REGISTER, or list of families. This is by the use of the card catalogue system which is employed in all our large libraries. In a changing parish an alphabetical list of families and their members, in a book, soon becomes involved in confusion. What with erasures and insertions the original order and connection cannot be maintained. The following plan works admirably: —

Buy or make blank cards or slips of stiff paper of the size of a postal-card. Get enough, slightly tinted, to furnish one for each family in the congregation as it is when you assume its pastorate. Write plainly or print the family name at the top, below that the other names of the father and mother; under them, indented, the name of each of the children, separating those above fourteen and those under that age by a line. Still below, place the names of any other members of the family. After the name, if a member of the church, put the number which stands against that name in your church register. Indicate other relations to the church by letters. B means baptized; S, member of the Sunday-school; T, teacher; etc. Keep these cards in alphabetical order.

For those who come into your congregation after the beginning of your pastorate, supply white cards, and record the relation to the church in the same way. On either set of cards enter in red ink the fact of baptism or church membership if under your ministry. You will thus have a complete record, and always in alphabetical order.

When a family removes of which some member is still connected with your church, take the card from its place among the resident families and put it in order in a separate place, and when the entire family has both removed and become entirely disconnected with the church, in a third place. It is easy to arrange a box or a partition in a drawer of your study table with two movable partitions to divide these three classes. If you are to call on any families and desire to be sure of remembering the names of all their members, you can take the cards and carry them with you while you are making your afternoon or evening round.

A sample is given here: —

Brown.

Paul K.,	t.	240	fr. 1st Ch., Chicago.
Mary F.,		241	fr. „ „ „
Matthew,		242	Conf. Died Jan., '90.
Mark,	t.	410	Conf.
Mary,	s.		
Martha,	s.		
Luke,	s.		b. Apr., '87.
John,			b. June, '90.

Mrs. Jane Jones (mother of 241) 243 fr. 3d Ch., Boston.

Calls for each year may be recorded on the back of the card. Final removal may be indicated by a diagonal red line and the date.

PASTORS.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF ORDINATION	DATES OF SERVICE		REMARKS
			BEGAN	ENDED	
1.	Thomas Symmes.	Dec. 30, 1702.	April 1701.	June 1708	
2.	John Rogers.	1708.	1708	1743	
3.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
4.	Isaac [illegible]		Sept. 28, 1803		
5.	John Whitney.	Oct 15, 1834	Oct 15, 1834		
6.	Willard [illegible]	May 9, 1838	May 9, 1838	May 3, 1868	
7.	[illegible]	Sept 9, 1868	Sept. 9, 1868	Aug. 3rd, 1880	
8.	[illegible]		Oct Mch 30, 1881	May 15, 1882	
9.	[illegible]	1878	Dec. 27 1882	Sept. 22, 1889.	
10.	[illegible]	May 1, 1892	May 1, 1892.	June 15, 1902	

PASTORS.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF ORDINATION	DATES OF SERVICE		REMARKS.
			BEGAN	ENDED	

DEACONS.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATES OF SERVICE. BEGAN.	DATES OF SERVICE. ENDED.	REMARKS.
				Reelected May 15th 1895.
57	James Joseph H	Jan. 5th 1889		Chosen for term of 5 years
78	Parkhurst John H	May 22nd 1895		" " " " " "
51	Williams S. Parkhurst	Mar. 14th 1898		" " " " " "

DEACONS.

NAME IN FULL	DATES OF SERVICE.		REMARKS
	BEGAN.	ENDED.	

DEACONS.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATES OF SERVICE.		REMARKS.
		BEGAN.	ENDED.	

DEACONS.

NAME IN FULL	DATES OF SERVICE		REMARKS
	BEGAN	ENDED	

OTHER OFFICERS.

Church Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-school Superintendent, etc.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATES OF SERVICE. BEGAN.	ENDED.	OFFICE HELD.
120	Emery L. Bradford	Pastor	1875	
57	Dea. Joseph H. James	"		Standing Committee
51	" J. Perley Killam	"		
78	" John W. Parkhurst	"		
78	Dea. John W. Parkhurst	"		Clerk
21	Daniel W. Conant	"		Treasurer
89	Hiram N. Towne	"		Superintendent S. S.

OTHER OFFICERS.

Class 1. Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-school Superintendent, etc.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATES OF SERVICE.		OFFICE HELD.
		BEGAN.	ENDED.	

OTHER OFFICERS.

Church Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-school Superintendent, etc.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATES OF SERVICE.		OFFICE HELD.
		BEGAN.	ENDED.	

OTHER OFFICERS.

Class, Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-school Superintendent, etc.

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		BEGAN.	ENDED.	

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Church Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-school Superintendent, etc.

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		BEGAN.	ENDED.	

DELEGATES.

DATE.	NAME IN FULL.	To what Council, Conference or Other Meeting.
May 11th 1898.	Deacon T. Perley Killam	Essex South Conference at the Congl. Church Topsfield.
" "	Miss Mary L. Sawyer	
Oct. 12th 1898	Deacon T. Perley Killam	Essex South Conference at the South Church Salem.
" "	Miss Elise E. Howe	
Dec. 18th 1898.	Hiram N. Towne	To Council with the Congl. Church of Middleton in the Ordination of Mr. Leslie C. Greeley Dec 20th 1898.
Dec. 11th 1898	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	To Council with 1st Congl. Church of Georgetown, in the Installation of Rev. Frank P. Estabrook Dec 15th 1898.
July 23rd 1899	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	To Council with the Congl. Church of Topsfield, in the dismissal of Francis A. Poole resigned July 24th 1899.
Mar. 28. 1900.	Miss Mary L. Sawyer	To Council with the Maple St. Congl. Church of Danvers, in the Installation of Chauncey J. Hawkins April 4, 1900.
April 3, 1900	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	To Council with the Congl Church of Topsfield in the Installation of Herbert James Upyckoff April 12th 1900.
Oct. 24, 1900.	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	To Council with the Dane St. Congl. Church, Beverly, in the Installation of Rev. Edwin Hallock Byington, Oct 31, 1900.
May 1st 1901	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	Essex South Conference, at the Congl. Church Wenham. May 8th 1901.
" " "	Mrs. Albert B. Peabody	
May 15th 1901	W. Herbert Howe	General Association of the Congl. Chs. of Massachusetts at Andover May 21-23, 1901.

DELEGATES.

DATE.	NAME IN FULL.	To what Council, Conference, or Other Meeting.
1902 May 11th	Daniel U. Conant	Essex South Conference at Beverly
" "	Mrs. Abbie R. Gage	May 14th 1902.
Nov. 12th	Mrs. Horace Berry	Essex South Conference at Dane St.,
" "	Miss Mary K. Bremner	Church Beverly, Nov. 13th 1902.
1903 Jan. 18th	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	In Council with Congl Church. Topsfield,
		in the Dismissal of Rev. Herbert J. Wyckoff
	— — — — —	resigned.
1902 Oct. 22nd	John W. Parkhurst	In Council with Maple St. Congl Church
		Danvers, in the Installation of the
	— — — — —	Rev. Robert A. McFadden Oct. 28, 1902.
1903 May 6th	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	Essex South Conference at
May 10th	Deacon J. Perley Killam	Middleton May 13th 1903.
1903 Oct. 18th	Chester Killam	Essex South Conference at the Tabernа-
" "	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	cle Church, Salem, Oct. 21st 1903.
May 5, 1904	Miss. Mary Ellen Perley	General Association of Congl. Churches
		at Fitchburg, Mass. 1904.
May 8, 1904	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	Essex South Conference at the South
" " "	Mrs. Albert B. Peabody	Church, Ipswich, May 11, 1904.
Oct. 23, 1904	Mrs Abbie R. Gage	Essex South Conference at the Central
" " "	Miss Mary K. Cleaveland	Church, Lynn, Oct. 26, 1904.
May 7, 1905	Deacon J. Perley Killam	Essex South Conference, at the 1st Church
" " "	Rev A. B. Peabody	Danvers, May 10, 1905.
May 15 "	Deacon John W. Parkhurst	General Association of the Congl. Churches
		of Mass. Eliot Church, Lowell, May 16-18, 1905
Sept 24, 1905	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	In Council with West Boxford Church
		in the dismissal of Rev. Chas. L. Hubbard
		resigned.

DELEGATES.

DATE.	NAME IN FULL.	To what Council, Conference, or Other Meeting.
ct. 8, 1905	Dea J. Perley Killam	Essex South Conference at the Beverly
	Miss. Mary K. Bremner.	Washington St. Ch. Oct. 11. 1905.
1906. ht. 9th	Deacon John W. Parkhurst	In Council with 2nd Congl. Church at West Botford, in the Installation of the Rev. F. Arthur Sanborn, Sept. 12, 1906.
1906. t. 21st	Mrs. Abbie R. Gage.	In Council with South Congl. Church at Peabody, Mass. in the Installation of the Rev. Will Arthur Dietrick, Oct. 25, 1906.
ov. 4, 1906	Dea. J. Perley Killam.	In Council with Congl. Church of Middleton, in the Ordination of Eliott Leonard Moses. Nov. 13, 1906.
ept. 29. 1907	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	Essex South Conference at Maple St. Ch.
	Deacon J. Perley Killam	Danvers. Oct. 2, 1907
Mar 10. 1908.	Hiram N. Towne	Essex South Conference at 1st Congl.
	Mrs. Abbie R. Gage	Church Botford, May 14, 1908
eb. 13, 1909.	Hiram N. Towne	New England Congress of Congl. Churches in Manchester N.H. Feb. 23-24 1909.
ay 9. 1909.	Miss Mary Sawyer	General Association of Congl. Churches of Mass. at Park St. Church, Boston, Mass. May 18, 19 & 20, 1909.
ct. 10, 1909	Miss Mary Cleaveland	Essex South Conference at the
" " "	Miss Mary Sawyer	Trombie St. Ch. Salem. Oct. 13, 1909.
May 1, 1910	John W. Parkhurst	In Council with the Dane St. Ch. Beverly Tuesday May 1910 to Install the Rev. Judson V. [illegible]

DELEGATES.

DATE.	NAME IN FULL.	TO WHAT COUNCIL, CONFERENCE, OR OTHER MEETING.
May 7, 1910	Chester Killam Hiram K. Soule	Spring meeting Essex South Conference, at Rockport, May 11, 1910.
Oct. 2.	Mrs. Annie E. Black John H. Parkhurst	Fall meeting Essex South Association of Churches, North Church Lynn October 5th 1910.
Oct. 9	Mrs. Abbie R. Gage Miss Mary Cleareland	American Missionary Association Meeting in Boston, October 1910.
" 1911 June 25,	Hiram K. Soule	Ec. Council to dismiss the Rev. Will A. Dietrick of the South Congl Church.
Dec. 3	Miss Bessie Cleareland	Ec. Council to South Congl. Church of Peabody to Install the Rev. Mr. Maynard, Dec. 7, 19
1912 Jan. 17.	Rev. Albert B. Peabody	Missionary meeting in Salem
Apr. 21.	Dea. S. Riley Killam	Essex South Association at Church
" "	Dea. John H. Parkhurst	Maple St. Danvers, May 3, 1912. (Spring mee

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BAPTISMS.

When persons baptized become members of the church, enter the same number against each name as in the list of Members Received.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. ["Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.]
151	Edith Elizabeth Buck	Feb. 15th 1890	June 11th 1899	Robert & Ada L.
168	Ethel Hazen Buck	Aug. 22nd 1891	" " "	" " " "
169	Walter Robert Buck	April 22nd 1893	" " "	" " " "
182	Anna Cleareland Buck	Dec. 16th 1896	" " "	" " " "
124	Mrs. Ellen (Mathews) Howe		Mar. 4, 1900	Adult
125	Windsor Herbert Howe		" " "	"
126	George A. Gould		" "	
127	William E. Gould		" " "	"
128	Mary A. Gould		" "	
129	Grace H. Gould		"	"
130	Mrs. Mary E. (Butler) Berry		May 6, 1900	"
131	Miss Alice A. Cheney		Sept. 2, 1900	"
132	Miss. Mary L. Cheney		Jan. 19, 1902	"
134	Chester Killam		June 15, 1902	"
135	Mrs. Minnie J. (Tibbs) Killam		" " "	"
136	Bessie Gertrude Hurlbutt		" " "	"
140	Florence May Brown		Mar. 6 1904	"
141	Sarah Angusta Ingalls		" " "	"
142	Grace Perley (see page 241 name changed to Bixby)		" " "	"
143	Eva Marguerite Corley		" " "	"
147	Frank Melvin Gould		" " "	"
148	John Albert Elliott		" " "	"
151	Carl Killam		July 3 1904	Chester & Minnie J. Adult
	Gilbert Bradstreet Peabody		June 12, 1904	Albert E. & Emma M.
	Alice LeGate Bilton		July 17, 1904	Harold E. "

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	By Rev. Walter B. Williams			
	Conard, Stanley Hale		Jan. 7. 1906	William R. and Edith E.
153	Williams, Mrs. Ada Mae [Clarke]		Jan. 6. 1907	Adult
154	Beane, Miss Irma E.		" " "	"
158	Mortimer, Miss Edith May		Jan. 5, 1908	"
159	Mortimer, Miss Ethel Annie		" " "	"
~~160~~	~~Parkhurst, Miss Amy Gertrude~~		"	
161	Spaulding, Arthur Arvin		" " "	"
162	Beane, Mrs. Ruthenia J.		May 3 "	"
164	Cummings, William Irving		Feb. 28, 1909	"
	By Rev. Edville A. Roys.			
167	Killam, Miss Florence		May 1 1910	"
170	Lake, Mr. Ebenezer Hobart		May 1, 1910.	"
171	Mortimer, Mr. Ernest Wyman		" " "	"
172	Parkhurst, Mr. Robert Bernard.		" " "	"
	Tutty, Charles David jr.		June 26, "	Charles David & Irma E. (Beane) Tutty.
	Killam, Hazel Iola		June 11, 1911.	Chester & Minnie Iola (Tidds) Killam.

BAPTISMS.

When parents received Immediate attention at the church, enter the same number against each as stated with that fact in "Received Baptism."

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.

BAPTISMS.

When persons baptized become members of the church, enter the same number against each name as in the list of Members Received.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.

BAPTISMS.

When parents (natives) become members of the Church, enter the same names, with names of children, as in the [illegible] Register.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.

BAPTISMS.

When parents baptized become members of the church, enter the same number against each name as in the list of Members Received.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.

BAPTISMS.

When persons baptized become members of the church, enter the same number against each name in the list of Church Members.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.

BAPTISMS.

When converted Baptist Persons transferred to this district, enter the letter number against each name as in the list of Members forwarded.

No.	NAME IN FULL.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BAPTISM.	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.

MEMBERS RECEIVED

The following 121 names constitute the membership of this Church at the time of the annual meeting, January 18th, 1899. The list is as accurate as can be made out from the records of the Church and the memory of man.

1.	Myers, Mr. S. F.	Jan. 4. 1874		✓	
2 †	" Mrs. S. F. (Mary Foil)	" " "		✓	Died 1916.
3	Averill, Miss Florence	Feb. 22, 1895		✓	
4 †	Alcott, Miss Mary H. (Mrs. Ault)	left.			1908 Deceased
5 †	Barnes. Mr. Benj. S.	May 4, 1858	C		Oct. 2. 1903.
6 †	" " Mrs. (Dorcas Kimball)	" " "	1st Baptist Ch. Salem		Died 1911.
7 †	Bigley, Miss Hattie M.	May 1, 1877.	C	✓	1919 Died
8	" Miss Ida E.	May 6. 1885	C	✓	
9 †	Brenner, Miss Mary K.	July 2, 1876.	C.		1907 Deceased
⊗	Bachelder, Mr. William D.			Reinstated Jan. 28. 1903. ✓	Jan. 9, 1901.
	Beach, Mr. Frank H.	May 5, 1878	C		
X	Bruce, Mrs. Jos. (Carrie M. Conant)	July 4, 1874	C		June 23, 1907
†	Cheeney, Mr. Brandon H.	May 2, 1875.	C		1915 1915
†	" Mrs. (Biggie A. Foster)	May 1, 1870	C		Nov. 15, 1910.
†	Chamberland, Mr. W. F.	Mch. 4. 1874	C		Oct. 26. 1903
	Mrs. (Ada M. Peabody)	July 3. 1864	Sec. Congl. Ch. N. Boston	✓	
	Miss Bessie	Sept 4. 1881.	C	✓	
X	[illegible]	[illegible]			Jan 3, 1918 Dec. 17, 1907.
X	[illegible]	[illegible]			Apr. 29, 1914.
X	Loring Mrs. Anna (Talmon.)	Sept 7. 1873.	1st Congl. Ch. Cambridge		Apr 29. 1903
	Cook, Mr. Dan. W.	July 4 1858.	C	✓	May 23, 1914
†	Mrs. (Matilda N. Hale) Mrs. Geo. A. Gould	" " "	C		Deceased
†	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	✓	Deceased
24 †	Coggin, Mrs. Mary Clark	Nov. 6, 1842.	Congl. Ch. Londonderry		1906
25 †	Durrell, Mrs. Frank (Nan Foote)	Dec 30, 1883.	Baptist Ch. Rowley, Mass	✓	Died 1916

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24	X	Elliott, Mrs. Jas H. (Abbie Frost)	May 5, 1878	C.	1907. Jan. 6.
25		Frame, Mrs. Andrew (E. Maria Gould)	Dec. 25, 1879.	Conf. Ch. Tolleston, Ind.	Deceased
26	†	Freye, Mrs. Sam. (Harriett V. Russell)	May 5, 1889.	C	Oct. 1915
27		Butterfield, Mrs Hallett. (Sophia B. Sage)		C	
30		Sage, Mrs. Hobart (Cole)	June 4, 1863		
31	X	Gould, Miss Mary A. B.	July 4, 1858	C	1915 Deceased
32	† X	Emery, Mrs. Rachel (Atherton)	Sept. 5, 1841	C	Deceased
33	†	[illegible] (Ellen J. Doomey)	July 4, 1858.	C	Jan. 24, 1908
34		[illegible]			
35	† X	[illegible] Howe			Sept. 17, 190
36	† X	Hale, Mrs. Sarah S. (Jones)	Sept 2, 1860	C	Dec. 7, 1899
37		Hooper, Miss Sarah E.	Nov. 2, 1872	C	
38		Howe, Mrs. Ellen M. (Hale)	Nov. 2, 1873	C	
39	X	Howe, Miss Margaret A.	Sept. 6, 1874	C	Mar. 4, 190
40		[illegible]	Nov. 4, 1874	C	
41		Howe, Mrs. " " Martha J. Gould	July 4 1858.	C	
42		Howe, Mrs Eliza L. (Mrs. E. Horace Perley)	Jan. 6, 1878	C	
43	X	[illegible]			1918 May 19,
44	† X	Howe, Mrs. Lydia L. (Leavitt)	May 7, 1882	C	May 1, 190
45		Howe, Miss Edith A (Mrs. Wm Green)	May 5, 1889	C	
46	†	Killam, Mr Geo. B.		C	191
	†	[illegible]			Died
48	X	Killam, Mrs. Frances A. Hosford		C	Died 1911 Mar. 1, 190
		[illegible]			
	†	[illegible]			1910. Jan 3,

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51	Killam, Mrs. J. Perley.	Nov. 5, 1889.	C.	✓	
52	Killam, Mrs. ... (Lillian Trenholm)	Sept 6, 1895		✓	
† 53 X	Killam, Mrs Elizabeth (Maggin)	Jan 4, 1874	C		July 11, 1900. Deceased
† 54	[illegible]				1908
55	Kyle, Miss Clara M. (Mrs. Charles A. Bigby)	May 5, 1889.	C	✓	
† 56	Kimball Mrs Mary. (Higgin)	Sept. 5, 1858.	C		Deceased
† 57	[illegible] Mrs Joseph H	[illegible] 4 1858	C	Died	1912
58	James. Miss Florence H.	July 1. 1877.	C	✓	
† 59	Leach, Mrs Charles (Flora E. Conant)	Mch. 4, 1883.	C		1903
† 60	Lewis Mr. & Mrs. H.	July 4, 1858.	C	✓	Died Dec. 15, 1917
61	[illegible]	[illegible]		✓	
62	Matthews, Mrs. H. G. Kate Brouse	Nov. 6, 1876.	C	✓	
† 63	Moulton, Mrs Henry. (Lydia F Heller)	Nov. 6, 1842.	C		Deceased 1906
64	Norwood, Mr. Walter.	May 5, 1889.	C	✓	
65	Perley. Mrs. Chas. (Louisa Emerson)	Jan. 4, 1874	C	✓	
66	Perley. Miss Mary E	May 2, 1869.	C	✓	
67	[illegible]	[illegible]		✓	
68	[illegible] Mr. Chas. E.	May 5, 1867.	C	✓	
† 69	[illegible]	[illegible] 1, 1897	Evangelical Cong. Ch. Boston, Mass	✓	Died Nov. 2, 1917
† 70	[illegible] Mrs Sarah H. E. Pierpont	" "	"		Deceased Aug. 3 1905
71	[illegible]			✓	
† 72	[illegible]				Deceased July 30, 1913
73	[illegible]	[illegible] 1892	Cong'l Ch. Camden, Me.	✓	
74	[illegible]				
X 75	[illegible]	[illegible]			May 3, 1921

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1		Paul, Mr. Chas. H	May 5, 1889.	C	
7		Paul, Mrs (Mary S. Averill)	Mch. 2. 1884.		
		[illegible]	[illegible]	C	
		Parkhurst, Mrs (Fatima Chadwick)	Jan. 6. 1895.	Sec. Cong'l Ch. W. Bedford, Mass.	
11		Parkhurst, Mr Geo. B	May, 6, 1894.	C	
	†	[illegible]	[illegible]	C	Deceased
12		Rabbe, Mr. Fred	May 5, 1889	C	
	†				Died
13		Sawyer, Mrs Jos. B. (Sarah E. Howe)	July 6, 1878		1919.
14	† x	Sawyer Mrs Elizabeth. (Samson)	Nov. 3. 1844	Park St. Ch. Boston, Mass	Jan 16 1901
15		Sawyer, Miss Mary.	July 4, 1869.	C	
16		Sawyer, Miss Hannette (Mrs. Frank Manney)	Nov. 1, 1885	C	
17	†	Smith Mrs Elizabeth. (Pierce)	July 4, 1858	C	Dec. 18 1902 1899
18	† x	Smith, Mrs. Martha M (Pierce)	Nov. 3. 1849.	Cong'l Ch. Springfield, Mass	Nov. 13th
19		Towne Mr. Hiram N.	Sept. 2, 1877.	C	
20		Towne, Mrs. (Alice M. Tufts)	May 6, 1894.	C	
21		Twitchell, Mrs Geo. K. (Lydia A.S. Sewall)	Sept. 5, 1858	C	
22		Twitchell, Mr Lawson B.	Nov. 1, 1885.	C	
23		[illegible]	[illegible]		
24	x	Todd Miss Edna P.	May 5, 1889	C	Dec. 1906
25		[illegible]	May 5, 1889		
26		Tedds, Mr. Lawrence B.	May 5, 1889		
27		Tidd (Hattie Potter)	May 5. 1889.	C	
28	†	[illegible]	[illegible]	Died	1912
29	x	Tinsman, Mrs John	July 4, 1858	C	April 26, 1891
		[illegible]	[illegible]		

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
103	[illegible] Miss Alice M.	Sept. 3 1893	C	
104	[illegible] Mrs. Chas. E. (Anna M. Hurlburt)	" " "	C	
105	French, Miss Gertrude H.	" " "	C	
106	[illegible] Miss Mary H.	" " "	C	Oct. 17, 1900.
[illegible]	[illegible] Miss Charlotte B. (Mrs. Roscoe Perley)	Mch. 4, 1894	C	Oct. 17, 1900.
[illegible]	[illegible] Miss Sarah N.	Sept. 3, 1893	C	May 5, 1917.
[illegible]	Bisbee, Mr. Chas H.	Mch. 4, 1894	C	
[illegible]	Hyde, Mr. & Hutton.	" " "	"	
111	McKeen, Mr. & Proctor	" " "	"	Dec. 1915
112	Mrs. Nick. Evans, Mrs. Frank (Rose M. Sibley)	" " "		
113	[illegible]	6, 1894	C	
114	Eaton, Mrs. Ansel [illegible]		C	Apr. 21, 1916.
115	[illegible]		C	
116	[illegible] (Foster)	Mar 1, 1896	South Congl Ch. Upswich, Mass	
117	[illegible] (Mrs. Wendal C. Pace)		C	Mar. 20th 1904.
[illegible]	[illegible]		C	
[illegible]	[illegible]	1, 1898	Parker St. M. E. Ch. Lawrence Mass.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Dec 18, 1892	Maverick Congl Ch. E. Boston Mass	Mch. 19th 1902.
[illegible]	[illegible]			" " "
122	Holt, Mrs. Helen C.	Jan. 7 1900.	Melrose Highlands Congl Church	
123	Holt, Miss Edith M (Mrs. A. B. Parkhurst)	" "	" "	July 16, 1914 Deceased
124	Howe, Mrs. Ellen (Mathews)	Mar. 4 1900	C. B.	
125	Howe, Mr. Windsor Herbert	" " "	C. B.	

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126	Gould, Mr. George A.	Mar. 4. 1900	C. B.	✓	
127	Gould Mr. William C.	" " "	C. B.	✓	
128 X	Gould Miss Mary A. (Mrs. Williams Cummings)	" " "	C. B.		1915. Mar. 7,
129	Gould, Miss Grace H. (Mrs. Leslie E. Belcher)	" " "	C. B.	✓	
130	Berry, Mrs. Mary C (Gurley)	May 6. 1900	C. B.	✓	
131 †	Cheney Miss Alice A.	Sept 2. 1900	C. B.		Died Dec. 22, 1904 X
132	Cheney Miss Mary L. (Mrs. Joe Sheldon)	Jan. 19. 1902	C. B.	✓	
133	Swetnell Mrs. L. Maud S. (Lord)	" " "	Evangelical Cong.	✓	N. Easton Mass.
134	Killam, Mr. Chester	June 13. 1902	C. B.	✓	
135	Killam Mrs. Minnie (Tibbs)	" " "	C. B.	✓	
136	Turnbull, Miss Bessie Gertrude	" " "	C. B.	✓	
137 X	Snell, Rev. Laird Wingate	Mar. 6. 1904	Union Congl. Ch.		No. Brookfield, Mass. 1915
138 X	Snell, Mrs. Laura Mary (Skinner)	" " "	" " " " "		" " " 1915
139	Pineo, Mr. Fred Ashley	" " "	Presbyterian Ch.	✓	Waterville Nova Scotia Wakeville
140	Brown, Miss Florence May (Mrs. Frank M. Gould)	" " "	C. B.	✓	
141 X	Ingalls, Miss Sarah Augusta (Mrs. John A. Elliott)	" " "	C. B.		1909. Dec. 6,
142	Perley, Miss Grace	" " "	C. B.	✓	
143	Conley, Miss Era Marguerite (Mrs. Claude S. Phillips)	" " "	C. B.	✓	
144	Parkhurst, Miss Winnifrid Chadwick	" " "	C.	✓	
145	Tidd, Mr. Clarence Earnest	" " "	C.	✓	
146	Nelson, Mr. Harold Justus	" " "	C.	✓	
147	Gould, Mr. Frank Melvin	" " "	C. B.	✓	
148 X	Elliott, Mr. John Albert	" " "	C. B.		1917. Dec. 6.
149 †	Mr. William R. Conant	July 3, 1904	Walnut Ave. Congl. Ch.		Boston Highlands Mass. July 10, 1910
150 X	Conant, Mrs. Edith F	" " "	" " " " "		" " " Nov. 5. 191

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X 151	Mr. Killam, Carl	July 3, 1904	C. B.	Dec. 22, 1912
152	Mortimer, Mrs. Martha E.	Jan. 7, 1906	Baptist Church, Winchendon, Mass.	
X 153	Williams, Mrs. Ada Mae (Clarke) (Mrs. Charles D. Tuttle)	Jan. 6, 1907	C. B.	1909 or 1910
154	Beane, Miss Izora E. (Mrs. Robert B. Parkhurst)	" " "	C. B. ✓	
155	Killam, Miss Lucy Jessie	" " "	C. ✓	
† 156	Buck, Miss Edith Elizabeth	" " "	C.	Deceased May 8, 1907.
X 157	Williams, Rev. Walter Byron	May 5, 1907	1st Congl. Church, Natick, Mass.	
158	Miss Edith May Mortimer (Mrs. Joseph Matthews)	Jan. 5, 1908	C. B. ✓	
159	Miss Ethel Annie Mortimer	" " "	C. B. ✓	
160	Miss Amy Gertrude Parkhurst	" " "	C. ✓	
161	Mr. Arthur Arvin Spaulding	" " "	C. B. ✓	
† 162	Beane, Mrs. Ruthenia J.	May 3 1908	C. B. ✓	Died 1919.
163	Black, Mrs. Annie E. (Sawyer)	Sept. 6, 1908	1st Congl. Church, Carthage, Mo.	
X 164	Mr. Cummings, William Irving	Feb. 28, 1909	C. B.	1915. May 7, 13.
X 165	Royz, Rev. Edrille Adalbur	Jan 26, 1910	Park Ave. Cong. Ch. Arlington Hts. Mass.	June 22, 1913.
X 166	Royz, Mrs. Mabelle Prescella (Foster)	" " "	" " " " " " " "	June 22.
167	Killam, Miss Florence	May 1 1910	C. B. ✓	
168	Buck, Miss Ethel Hazen (Mrs. Arthur A. Spaulding)	" " "	C. ✓	
169	Buck, Mr. Walter Robert	" " "	C ✓	
170	Lake, Mr. Ebenezer Hobart	" " "	C. B. ✓	
171	Mr. Mortimer, Ernest Wyman	" " "	C. B. ✓	
172	Parkhurst, Mr. Robert Bernard	" " "	C. B. ✓	
173	Parkhurst, Mr. John Rodney	" " "	C. ✓	
X 20	Loring, Mrs. Anna Palmer	Aug. 7, 1910	Pilgrim Congl. Ch. St. Louis, Mo.	1913. June 1.

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171 X	Morse, Miss Anna Hooker	May 5, 1912	Conf. ✓	1919 April 27.
175	Faul, Miss Elizabeth Averill (Mrs. John C. Sawyer)	" " "	" ✓	
176	Butterfield, Miss Gertrude Florence	" " "	" ✓	
120	Rev. Emery L. Bradford	May 4, 1913.	1st Congl. Ch. East Weymouth ✓	
121	Mrs. Emery L. Bradford	" " "	" " " " " ✓	
177	Miss Ruth Bradford	" " "	" " " " " ✓	
178	John Leonard Killam	" " "	C. B. ✓	
179	Paul Lester Killam	" " "	C. B. ✓	
180	Horace Newcomb Killam	" " "	C. B. ✓	
181 X	Arthur Webster Morse	" " "	C. ✓	1919. April 27
182	Miss Anna Cleaveland Buck (Mrs. Edward Evans Small)	" " "	C. ✓	
183	Mrs. Laura J. Brenner.	Dec. 31, 1913	Broadway Tabernacle Ch. New York city. ✓	1919 Died
184	Mortimer, Mrs. Clara A. (Walker)	April 28, 1915	Congl. Church Edgartown.	
185	Noyes, Frank Stone	Mar. 5, 1916	C. B.	
186	Noyes, Annie Edwards Mrs.	" " "	C. B.	
187	Noyes, Ethel May Miss	" " "	C. B.	
188	Killam, Dwight Lewis	" " "	C. B.	
189	Buxton, Frederic Arthur	" " "	C. B.	
190	Mortimer, Effie Florence Miss (Mrs. Leonard Davison).	May 7, 1914	C. B.	
191	Reed, Charles C.	July 1, 1917	C. B.	
192	Mrs. Helen M. (Emerson) Wyman	Sept. 5, 1917	Walpole Congl. Walpole, Mass.	
193	Butterfield, Mrs. Florence (Stanley	Mar. 31, 1918.	C.	

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88	Smith Mrs. Mehitable M.	Nov. 13th 1899	Died
36	Hale Mrs. Sarah S.	Dec. 7th 1899	Died
39	Howe Miss Margaret A.	Mar 4th 1900	Congl. Church Rowley Mass.
53	Killam Mrs. Elizabeth (Wiggin)	July 11, 1900	Died
106	Herrick Miss Mary A.	Oct. 17. 1900	Maple St. Congl. Church, Danvers.
107	Perley Mrs. Charlotte M.	Oct. 17, 1900	Orthodox Congl. Church, Melrose.
75	Pearson Miss, Marion	May 3. 1901	Park St Congl Church Boston, Mass
20	Bradford Rev. Emery L.	Oct 29. 1902	1st Congl. Church East Weymouth Mass
21	Bradford Mrs. Emery L.	" " "	" " " " " "
48	Killam Mrs. Frances R.	Mar. 1, 1903	1st Congl. Church Millbury, Mass.
20	Loring Mrs. Anna P.	May 3. 1903	Pilgrim Congl. Church St. Louis, Mo.
5	Barnes Benj. S.	Oct. 7, 1903.	Died
87	Smith Mrs. Elizabeth	Dec 18, 1903.	Died
84	Sawyer Mrs. Elizabeth	Jan. 16, 1902	Died
99	Tuksden Mrs. John	Apr. 26, 1891	
32	Gurley Mrs. Rachel		Died
15	Clearland William P.	Oct. 26. 1903	Died
63	Moulton, Mrs. Henry	1906	Died
24	Coggin, Mrs. Mark Clark	1906	Died
47	Killam, Mrs. George B.		Died
15	Perley, Miss Mary J.		Died
131	Chaney, Miss Alice A.	Dec. 22. 1904	Died
156	Buckl, Miss Edith E.	May 18, 1907	Died
94	Todd, Miss Edna P.	Apr. 27. 1907	1st Baptist Church, Andover, Mass
12	Bruce, Mrs. Carrie M (C)	July 7, 1907.	1st Congl. Church, Gardner, Mass

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18	Eberland, Miss Alice Beatrice	Jan. 3. 1908	Old South Congl. Ch. Boston.
9	Brenner, Miss Mary K.	1907	Died
33	Gurley, Mrs. Samuel P.	Jan. 24, 1908	Died
54	Kenneth, Mr. James	1908	"
4	Ault. Mrs. Mary H. (Alcott)	1908	"
143	Elliott, Mr. John Albert	Dec. 6, 1909	Methodist Episcopal Ch. Danvers.
141	Elliott, Mrs. John Albert	" " "	" " " "
101	Hurlbutt, Mr. Albert G.	1909	Died
157	Williams, Rev. Walter Byron	Oct. 24, 1909 Letter granted	Central Square Congl. Ch. Bridgewater Mass.
153	Williams, Mrs Ada Mae (Clarke)	" " " no certificate returned or received in 1910.	" " " " " "
14	Cheney, Mrs. Leander H.	Nov. 15, 1910	Died
46	Killam, George B.	1910.	Died
50	Killam, Mrs. John L.	July 3, 1910	Died
149	Conant, William R.	July 10. 1910	Died
150	Conant, Mrs. Edith G.	Nov. 5, 1911	Congl. Ch. West Somerville.
6	Barnes, Mrs. Benj. S.	1911.	Died
57	James, Deacon Joseph H.	1912	Died
98	Twisden, Mrs. G. Thomas	1912	Died
151	Killam, Earl	Dec. 22, 1912.	New England Congl. Ch. Saratoga Springs New York.

(See new book for later removals.)

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MARRIAGES.

DATE.	NAME OF MAN.	His Age.	NAME OF WOMAN.	Her Age.
1899 June 22nd	Roscoe Damon Perley	34	Charlotte Bronte Matthews	27
1899 Oct. 10th	Eugene Horace Perley	38	Eliza Esther Howe	38
1900 Nov. 7th	George B. Parkhurst	31	Edith May Holt	26

Edith H. Howe.

MARRIAGES.

HIS RESIDENCE.	HER RESIDENCE.	SOLEMNIZED. WHERE.	SOLEMNIZED. BY WHOM.
Melrose	Boxford	Boxford	Rev. E. L. Bradford
Reading	Boxford	Reading	Rev. F. S. Hunnewell
Boxford	Boxford	Arlington Heights	Rev. John S. Taylor

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		WHERE	BY WHOM

CHARITIES AND EXPENSES.

Year Ending December 31.	1898.	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903
Cong. Home Missionary Society	$ 87	30 00	30 15	63	36 85	24 31
Cong. Church Building Society		20 12	7 05	13	4 93	4 34
American Missionary Association	63	46 00	14 65	68	24 55	27 00
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society			— —	8		3 34
Cong. Education Society	4		9 00	6	5 25	
Am. Board of Com. for For. Missions.	85	50 00	47 92	89	51 50	34 00
Total.	$ 239.	146 12	108 77	247	123 08	92 99
Other objects.						
Christmas Tree	10 50				6 46	8 41
Communion Exp.	6 59	2 45	4 55		1 95	5 15
S.S. Supplies	13 22					
Ministerial Relief Fund		7 94				
Boston Floating Hospital		20 30				
Boston Seamans F. Society		10 00	9 06		7 42	6 09
Conference dues etc.		8 61	7 99		8 12	7 32
Famine Relief Fund			17 25			
American Tract Society						12 56
Womans Board of Missions						19 00
American Bible Society						7 52
Western Mass. Bible Society						7 00
Total.						
Total Church Expenses	239	184 36	135	247 00	130 50	145 16
Total Church Expenses	30 31	11 06	11	12 00	16 53	20 88
Grand Total	269 31	195 42	146	259 00	147 03	166 04

CHARITIES AND EXPENSES.

Year Ending December 31,	~~19~~ 1904.
Cong. Home Missionary Society.	25 16
Cong. Church Building Society.	11 11
American Missionary Association.	49 67
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society.	1 82
Cong. Education Society	11 94
Am. Board of Com. for For. Missions.	46 56
Total.	$152 26
Other objects.	
Seaman's Friend Society	4 93
Christmas Tree	
Church expenses	9 78
Total.	
Total Charities.	157 19
Total Church Expenses.	
Grand Total.	

CHARITIES AND EXPENSES.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,	189							
Cong. Home Missionary Society								
Cong. Church Building Society								
American Missionary Association								
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society								
Cong. Education Society								
Am. Board of Com. for For. Missions								
Total								
Other objects								
Total								
Poor Debtors								
Old Ladies' Asylum								
Grand Total								

CHARITIES AND EXPENSES.

Year Ending December 31.	189
Cong. Home Missionary Society.	
Cong. Church Building Society.	
American Missionary Association.	
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society.	
Cong. Education Society.	
Am. Board of Com. for For. Missions.	
Total.	
Other objects.	
Total.	
Total Charities.	
Total Church Expenses.	
Grand Total.	

ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

Year Ending December 31	MEMBERS.				RECEIVED.			REMOVED.				BAPTIZED.		No. FAMILIES.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Ab.	Conf.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Disc.	Total.	Ad.	Inf.	
189														

ANNUAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Year Ending Dec. 31.	MEMBERSHIP. Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Home Dep't.	Total.	Average Attendance.	CHURCH. Expends on S. S.	Received Members from S. S.	Volumes in Library	MONEY RAISED FOR Self-support.	Charities.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.
1898	4	8	50	20	82	51		—		$13,22	85,95	Hiram N. Towne.
1899	7	8	55	20	90	52		—		36,21	93,54	" " "
1900	7	9	60	12	88	61		7		25,57	144,15	" " "
1901	7	8	45	11	71	54		—		25,34	102,21	John W. Parkhurst
1902	7	10	60	8	85	59 1/4	6,46	3		18,54	82,06	" " "
1903	7	10	76	—	93	59 5/9	8.41	0		37,98	58,07	" " "
1904	7	10	74		89	55 45/92		11		14,76	106,42	" " "

1898. Records of the 1st Congregational Church of Boxford, Mass.

At a meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford held March 14th 1898. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. in the chapel. the following record was made.
Paston (Emery L. Bradford) in the chair.

Prayer by the Paston.

Voted to choose a Clerk of the Church by ballot.

Chose John W. Parkhurst. Church Clerk.

Voted to chose a Deacon by ballot.
Prayer by John W. Parkhurst
Chose T. Perley Killam Deacon

Voted that the vote for T. Perley Killam as Deacon be made unanimous

Unanimously voted by an informal vote to adopt by laws for the Church. presented and read by the Paston.

Voted that we accept and adopt the Standing Rules for the 1st Congl. Church. Boxford. Mass. as a whole.

Voted that we accept and adopt the Joint Rules for the Action of the 1st Congl. Church and the 1st Congl Parish of Boxford. Mass.

Voted that we change our method of taking a collection for Communion Expenses, and that we take up a collection on every Communion Sunday for the necessary expenses

1878 of the Communion Table.

Voted that the Benevolent collection of the Church be taken on the last Sunday of the month instead of the first Sunday.

Voted that the Pastor appoint a committee of three to draw up Resolutions upon the death of Deacon Wm. W. Howe.

Deacon Parkhurst
Miss. Mary L. Sawyer
Mr. A. G. Hulbutt
} Committee appointed by Pastor to draw up Resolutions upon the Death of Deacon Wm. W. Howe.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

1898.

Standing Rules.

for the First Congregational Church Bxford, Massachusetts.

I Officers of the church.

The Officers of this Church shall be:-

1. A Pastor, who shall be chozen in accordance with the Joint Rules of the Church and Societz, and installed over it in accordance with Congregational usage.

2. Three Deacons, who shall be chozen for a term of five zears.

3. A Standing Committee, which shall consist of the Pastor and Deacons.

The Church maz add others to this Committee if at anz time it shall be deemed wise.

4. A Clerk, who shall be elected annuallz.

5. A Treasurer, who shall be elected annuallz.

6. A Superintendent of the Sabbath School, who shall be chozen bz the Sabbath School and approved bz the Church at its annual meeting.

All the Officers of this Church shall be chozen bz ballot; and the Deacons, Standing Committee, Clerk and Treasurer shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Vacancies maz be filled at anz regular meeting, notice having been previouslz given; or at a special meeting called for that purpoze.

The person chozen to fill a vacancz shall hold office for the unexpired term.

II. Duties of Officers.

1 The Pastor of this Church shall be a member of it, and its standing Moderator.

1898.

2. It shall be the dutz of the Deacons to preside in the absence of the Pastor, or when action respecting him is to be taken; to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper; to distribute the charities of the Church; and to aid the Pastor generallz in the care of the flock.

3. It shall be the dutz of the Standing Committee to examine all candidates for admission to the fellowship of the Church, and present to it a report of the names of such as thez approve.

This Committee shall also act as a committee of preliminary inquiry in all cases of discipline, and upon sufficient cause thez shall see that charges are preferred before the Church.

Anz member, however, having cause of complaint against another must first seek to have it removed in accordance with the directions given in Matthew XVIII: 15-17.

4. It shall be the dutz of the Clerk to keep the records of the Church, and to discharge the other duties appropriate to that office. The reports of all officers and committees of the Church shall be incorporated in full in the minutes of the annual meeting.

It shall also be the dutz of the Clerk, with the help of the Pastor and Deacons, to prepare each zear a roll of the members of the Church, with their residence, if absent, together with such other facts concerning the membership of the Church as thez may deem of interest.

5. It shall be the dutz of the Treasurer to take charge of all money belonging to the Church, and

1898 and all contributions taken for charitable purposes, and to pay out the same as the Church may direct and make full written report of the same at the ~~annual~~ Meeting.

III. Admission of Members.

1. All candidates for admission to the fellowship of this Church shall be examined by the Standing Committee. The names of all persons approved by them shall be propounded to the Church on, or before, the Sunday preceding the Preparatory Lecture, and these names shall be acted upon by the Church at the Preparatory Lecture.

2. Persons so elected to membership shall make public profession of their Christian faith.

3. Members of other Churches whose letters of dismission and recommendation are accepted by this Church shall not be Required to make public profession.

Voted to take out this Paragraph Oct. 2. 1904

~~4 All persons admitted to the fellowship of this Church shall sign its Confession of Faith and Covenant with their full names in a book kept by the Clerk for that purpose~~

IV. Dismission of Members.

1. This Church, on application duly made, will dismiss and recommend its members who are in good and regular standing, to other Churches.

Applications for dismission must be in writing and state the name of the Church to which recommendation is desired.

(over)

1898. 2. Applications for dismission shall be presented to the Church one week before action is taken thereon

V. Business Meetings.

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Church for business in the Month of January, at a time to be fixed by the Pastor and Deacons, and notified from the pulpit on the Sunday preceding the day set for such meeting.

2. Business may be legally done at any regular Church Prayer-meeting. A special meeting may be called at any time when in the opinion of the Pastor and Deacons it is necessary; and shall be called on the written application to the Pastor, or in his absence to the Deacon senior in office, of seven members.

3. If it is ever necessary for the Church to take action at any of its regular services on Sunday;- as in the case of letters missive calling to a council;- such action shall be considered valid and shall be entered by the Clerk in the records of the Church.

4. All the members of the Church of the age of twenty-one years and upward shall be entitled to vote at the business meetings of the Church.

5. Ten members of the Church shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. At the Annual Meeting the following items of business shall be transacted;-

(1) The records of the last Annual Meeting and of all intervening business, shall be read.

(2) Choice of annual officers.

1898. (3) Action on the choice by the Sunday School of the Sunday School Superintendent.

(4) Report of the Treasurer.

(5) Report of the Sunday School Superintendent.

(6) Choice of the Society to be made the almoner of the benevolent contributions of the Church for the Church for the ensuing year.

(7) Any appropriate miscellaneous business shall be in order.

(8) Roll call of the Members of the Church.

7. These By-Laws may be repealed or modified by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the exact nature of the proposed change has been given at least one week previous.

This rule shall not, however, be construed so as to forbid the suspension of any rule For A Single Meeting, provided the Church shall see fit to order such Suspension.

Adopted by the Church March 14th 1898.

Attest John W. Parkhurst,

Church Clerk.

1878.

Rules For The Joint Action of the First Congregational Church, and the First Congregational Parish of Boxford, Massachusetts.

I.

Whenever the First Congregational Church and the First Congregational Parish shall be destitute of a Pastor and a new one is to be chosen, a joint Committee of the Church and Parish, consisting of five persons, of whom three shall be chosen by the Church and two by the Parish, shall provide a supply for the pulpit, and take all necessary measures to that end. The Church shall have the right in all cases to select a Pastor to be proposed to the Parish for its concurrence.

If said Parish shall concur with said Church a call shall be given by the Church and Parish jointly to the person selected: but if the Parish do not concur in the selection, the Church shall select again, and so again, from time to time, until the Church and Parish shall agree in a choice, and when so agreed, a call shall be given to the person so chosen, by the Church and Parish as above stated: that is jointly.

II.

The amount of salary to be given the Pastor shall be fixed by the Parish.

1898.

III.

Temporary supplies of the pulpit during the absence or sickness of the Pastor shall be provided by the Pastor and Deacons of the Church, and the bills of necessary expenses incurred for that purpose shall be submitted to the Parish Committee, and, when approved by them, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Parish.

By the word "Church", herein before used, is meant all members of the Church in good and regular standing of the age of twenty-one years and upwards.

IV.

No alteration nor addition shall be made to these "Joint Rules" on the part of either the Church or Parish unless the same be agreed to by two-thirds of the members present at legal meetings, seasonable notice of such proposed change having been previously given.

Adopted by the Church March 14th 1898, and by the Parish March 21st 1898.

Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1898. At a Wednesday evening prayer meeting held in the Chapel. March 30th 1898.

The Church voted to suspend Rule 4. part 2. requiring applications for dismissals, to lie over one week, before being acted upon.

Voted to grant to Miss Ada Louise Cleaveland, a letter of dismissal; and a letter of recommendation to the St. Johns Church, Hampton, Va.

At a Wednesday evening prayer meeting, held in the Chapel. April 6th 1898.

Voted to accept and adopt the Resolutions presented by the Committee appointed at the Business meeting of the Church, to draw up resolutions upon the death of Deacon William W. Howe. (of which the following is a true copy.)

Whereas. This church has suffered an inepar-able loss in the death of Dea. Wm. W. Howe, for the past seventeen years a Deacon of this church and for nearly twenty five years its Chorister, and

Whereas, In many other offices in church, Sabbath School and parish he rendered faithful and conscientious service;

Resolved, That we cherish his memory as a good neighbor and fellow citizen, honest and up-right in all his dealings;

Resolved, That we commemorate his self denying service in the church in all its departments, and his earnest efforts for the promotion of the Master's work, and the growth of the Kingdom of God among us.

1898. Resolved. That mourning his untimely death we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family; and unite our prayers for the blessing of Almighty God in this our time of need.

Resolved. That these resolutions be placed on the records of the Church, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Adopted April 6th 1898.

Attest John W. Parkhurst

Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service, April 24th 1898. the following persons were propounded for membership by letter from the Evan. Cong. Church of Boston, Mass. Rev. A. B. Peabody, Mrs. Sarah A. E. Peabody, Miss. Lucie A. Peabody, Miss Grace I. Peabody, also Mrs. Carrie Brown by letter from the Parker St. M. E. Church in Lawrence, Mass.

They were all admitted to fellowship of the Church by unanimous vote at Wednesday evening Preparatory Lecture, April 27th 1898.

At a Sunday morning service, May 8th 1898. Deacon T. Perley Killam and Miss Mary L. Sawyer were chosen delegates to attend the Spring session of the Essex South Conference to be held with the Congl. Church of Topsfield, Wednesday May 11th 1898.

1898. At a Sunday morning service October 9th 1898. Deacon T. Perley Killam and Miss Elise E. Howe were chosen delegates to attend the Fall session of the Essex South Conference, to be held at the South Church, Salem October 12th 1898.

At a Wednesday evening meeting held in the Chapel November 2nd 1898.

Deacon T. Perley Killam presided.

Voted. to give our Pastor six weeks more vacation from this date (November 2nd 1898.

Voted. that Deacon Parkhurst be instructed to express the Sympathy of the Church to our Pastor (Rev. Emery L. Bradford) in his affliction.

meeting was dissolved

Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service Dec. 11th 1898. Rev. Albert B. Peabody was chosen delegate to represent this church in Council with the 1st Congl. Church Georgetown, and in the Installation of Rev. Frank P. Estabrook December 15th 1898.

1898 At a Sunday morning service Dec. 18th 1898. Hiram N. Towne was chosen delegate to represent this Church in Council with the 1st Congl. Church of Middleton in the ordination of Mr. Leslie C. Greeley Dec. 20th 1898.

1899.

Annual Church Meeting

At the Annual meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford held in the Chapel Jan. 18th 1899 at two o'clock in the afternoon the following record was made.

Pastor (Emery L. Bradford) in the chair.

The Pastor opened the meeting by prayer.

Record of the last annual business meeting of the church was read by the Clerk and approved.

Records of all intervening business was read by the Clerk and approved.

Chose John W. Parkhurst Church Clerk.

Chose Daniel W. Conant Church Treasurer.

Voted To confirm the action of the Sabbath School in the choice of Hiram N. Towne as Sabbath School Superintendent.

(over)

1899.

Voted To accept the report of the Church Treasurer

Voted To accept the report of the Sabbath School Superintendent.

Voted To accept the report of the Superintendent of the Home Department of the Sabbath School.

Voted To accept the objects for benevolent contributions suggested by the Pastor and Deacons as it stands, which is as follows;

Objects for benevolent contributions suggested by the Pastor and Deacons.

For January;
Church Building Society.
For February;
Minister's Relief Fund.
For March, April and May;
Foreign Missions.
For June, July and August;
American Missionary Society.
For September, October and November;
Home Missions.
For December;
Seaman's Aid Society.

Voted To grant letters of Dismissal to Frank L. Parkhurst and Lucy B. Parkhurst his wife, and a letter of recommendation to the Union Congl. Church of Lawrence.

The Pastor made Reports of the Mary Ann Peabody S.S. Library Fund and the Caroline Peabody Cause of Christ Fund, no action taken on them. (over)

1899
Voted

To leave the Printing of the Standing Rules of the Church and Confession of Faith etc. in the hands of the Pastor and Deacons to look up the cost of the same and report at some future meeting.

The Church Roll was called by the Clerk.

32 Present.
46 absent but sent response.
43 absent but no response.
121 whole number of members.

Meeting was closed by a season of Prayer.

This is to certify that Frank L. Parkhurst was received a member of the United Congregational Church in Lawrence, on the 5 of March
By letter from the First Cong'l Church in Botford.

Attest.
C. Warburton
Church Clerk

This is to certify that Lucy E. Parkhurst was received a member of the United Cong'l Church in Lawrence, on the 5 of March by letter from the First Cong'l Church in Botford.

Attest.
C. Warburton
Church Clerk.

A true copy
Attest John U. Parkhurst Church Clerk

1899. At a Sunday morning service July 23rd 1899. Rev. Albert B. Pealodk was chosen a delegate to represent the Church in Council with the Congl. Church of Topsfield in the dismissal of their Pastor Rev. Francis A. Poole. resigned. July 24th 1899.

At a Wednesday evening service December 27th 1899. Mrs. Helen C. Holt and Miss Edith M. Holt were propounded for admission to this Church by letter from the Melrose Highlands Congl. Church.

They were both admitted to fellowship of this Church by unanimous vote at a Sunday morning service January 7th 1900.

At a Sunday morning service June 11th 1899, the following named persons, children of Robert and Ada L. Buck were Baptized; Edith Elizabeth Buck, Born Feb. 15th 1890. Ethel Hazen Buck, Born Aug 22nd 1891. Walter Robert Buck. Born April 22nd 1893. Anna Clearland Buck. Born Dec. 16th 1896.

1900 Annual Business Meeting 1900.

At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl Church of Boxford, held in the Chapel Jan. 17th 1900 at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, the following record was made.

The Pastor (Emery L. Bradford) opened the meeting with prayer.

Records of the last Annual Business Meeting and intervening business were read by the Clerk and approved.

Chose John W. Parkhurst, Church Clerk.

Chose Daniel W. Conant, Church Treasurer.

Voted that the Church ratify the choice of the Sunday School in the election of Hiram N. Towne as its Superintendent

Chose Deacon Joseph H. Jones, Deacon for the term of five years dating from May 15th 1900.

Chose Deacon John W. Parkhurst, Deacon for the term of five years dating from May 22nd 1900.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer

Voted to accept the report of the Sunday School Supt.

1700

Voted to accept the report on the Sabbath School Library fund.

Voted to accept the report on the Caroline Peabody fund

Voted to give the Benevolent Contributions of the Church for the coming year to the following objects, viz:

For January,
Congregational Education Society.
For February,
Church Building Society.
For March, April and May,
Congl. Home Missionary Society.
For June, July and August,
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
For September, October and November,
American Missionary Society.
For December,
Seamen's Aid Society.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on printing the Church Manual, and that the Manual be printed

Voted that the Committee chosen last year on printing the Church Manual be the Committee to attend to the printing the Manual.

Voted that the money for printing the Church Manual be taken from the Caroline Peabody fund.

1900

Voted that the report of the Sabbath School Treasurer be accepted.

Voted that the matter of sending out letters to the members of the Church before the Annual meeting be left with the Pastor and Deacons

The Roll was called by the Clerk
Remarks by the Pastor, followed by Prayer.

Voted to adjourn.

At a Sunday morning service, February 25th 1900.
The Church voted to grant a letter of dismissal to Miss Margarett A. Howe, and a letter of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Rowley, Mass.

This is to certify that Margaret A. Howe was received a member of the Congregational Church in Rowley on the Fourth day of March 1900, by letter from the First Congregational Church in Boxford Massachusetts.

Attest Benj. P. Mighill
Church Clerk.

March 18th 1900.

1900

The following persons having been duly examined by the Standing committee February 24th 1900. their names were propounded to the Church Sunday morning February 25th 1900. The church voted to receive them into its fellowship at the Preparatory Lecture February 28th 1900. and were Baptized Sunday morning March 4th 1900. namely; Mrs Ellen (Mathews) Howe, Mr. George A. Gould, Mr. Windsor Herbert Howe, Mr. William E. Gould, Miss Mary A. Gould, and Miss Grace H. Gould.

At a Wednesday evening meeting March 28th 1900. the church voted to accept the invitation of the Maple St. Congl. Church of Danvers, and chose Miss Mary L. Sawyer as delegate to represent this church in Ecclesiastical Council with the Maple St. Congl. Church Danvers, and in the Installation of the Rev. Channcey J. Hawkins, April fourth next;
Voted March 28 1900.

At a Weekly Prayer meeting held on Tuesday evening April 3rd 1900. the church voted to accept the invitation of the Congl. Church of Topsfield; and chose Rev. A. B. Patch as delegate to represent this Church in Ecclesiastical Council with the Congl. Church of Topsfield, and in the Installation of the Rev. Herbert James Upyckoff. April 12th 1900.

1900 Mrs. Mary Coggin (Gurley) Berry having been duly profounded to the Church, Sunday morning April 29th 1900
She Church voted to receive her into it's fellowship at the Preparatory Lecture May 2nd 1900. and was Baptized Sunday morning May 6th 1900.

Miss Alice A. Cheney, having been duly examined by the standing committee August 25th 1900, her name was profounded to the Church Sunday morning August 26th 1900; the Church voted to receive her into its fellowship at the Preparatory Lecture August 29th 1900, and she was Baptized September 2nd 1900.

At a Sunday morning service October 7th 1900.
Rev. Albert B. Peabody and Deacon Killam, were chosen delegates to attend the Fall session of the Essex South Conference, to be held in Saugus October 10th 1900.

At a Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting held October 17th 1900; the Church voted to grant a letter of dismissal to Miss Mary A. Herrick and a letter of recommendation to the Maple St. Church of Danvers, Mass.
Also at the same meeting, the Church voted to suspend Rule 4 part 2 requiring applications for dismissals to lie over one week before being acted upon.
Voted to grant a letter of dismissal to Charlotte M. Perley, and of recommendation to the Orthodox Congl. Church of Melrose

October 24, 1900

1900 At a Wednesday evening meeting the Church voted to accept the invitation of the Dane Street Congl. Church of Beverly, and chose Rev. Albert B. Peabody, as delegate to represent this Church in Ecclesiastical Council, with the Dane St. Congl. Church of Beverly, and in the Installation of the Rev. Edwin Hallock Byington, October 31st next.

This is to certify that Miss Mary A. Herrick was received a member of the Maple Street Congregational Church in Danvers, Massachusetts, on the 4th of Nov., by letter from the First Congregational Church Boxford, Massachusetts.

Attest John S. Learoyd
Church Clerk.

Danvers, Mass. Nov. 8, 1900.

A true copy
Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Clerk of the 1st Congl Church
of Boxford, Mass.

At a special meeting of the Church called by the Pastor and Deacons, held in the Chapel Dec. 7th, 1900. at two o'clock P.M. it was unanimously voted;

Voted That the Pastor and Deacons be instructed to take such means as they find necessary to stop Mr. Arthur B. Batchelder from making reference to Adultery and things of that nature in our Religous meetings.

The following, in brief, is the statement made by

Mr. Bradford respecting the history of the case.

As is well known to all the Church Mr Batchelder had, up to the first of last March been absent from the Church and all its meetings for some ten or twelve years, - I do not know just how long for his absence began before I became pastor of the church.

About the first of March last, - if I remember right it was the first Sunday, he suddenly appeared in his accustomed place in church, and since that time has been a regular attendent at all the church services except the time he was out of town.

On his return we one and all welcomed him most heartily, and many of us took especial pains to express this to him. I As Pastor of the Church I took especial pains to do so, went to his house to see him, and in every way tried to make him feel at home and welcome.

One night in the Prayer-meeting he made, what I afterward understood to be, a sort of confession respecting these years of his absence, and his sorrow for them. To this I made no response because I could not catch enough of his remarks to be sure of their purport and intent.

A short time after this he made the same confession in the Sunday School, and there, in the heartiest way possible I assured him publicly of his welcome by the church to his old place among us; and that it was no will or wish of the church to make any investigations or inquiries into the past. I told him that the word of the Church was to let that past go and take up present life and duty and privilege with all his interest and strength.

Shortly after this Mr. Batchelder went away for the summer to work. Upon his return he came to me and wanted to re-unite with the Church. Alleging as his ground and reason therefore that his past had been so wrong that he wanted to renew his covenant obligations with the Church, - more especially with his God.

My reply to him was that it seemed to me that so far as that was needful in any public way he had already done so in his confession to the Church, and through me the Church had responded. I counseled him to let that end the matter. But as he was persistent I promised to bring the matter to the attention of the Standing Committee of the Church. Which I did, and we were all agreed to my first judgement of the matter.

Still Mr. Batchelder persisted and went to the Deacons of the Church about it, and finally wrote me a letter asking that he might be permitted to join the Church, - his name erased from the roll of the Church and re-inscribed there in.

I called the Standing Committee of the Church together and we told him frankly and decidedly that we simply would not recommend to the Church any such action.

Mr. Batchelder had, previous to this, made in our social meetings references to his past life that were best left unspoken, he had also made references to his past personal habits, and to the relation and intercourse of the sexes that were unseemly and uncalled for in our meetings.

And so at this time when we met him and told him that we would not recommend to the Church that he be permitted to re-unite with us, - seeing that he was already a member, - we asked him in the kindest possible way if it would not be wise for him to let all this unseemly past go, - forget it, and we particularly asked him to cease making these rather obscene references in our meetings.

Mr. Batchelder has not paid the least attention to the wishes or to the counsel of the Standing Committee but has again and again made references to these obscene things in our meetings some of them gross even to vileness.

The Pastor with the Deacons, have counseled patience, hoping that with forbearance we might lead our brother to a better mind.

A week ago last Sunday night Nov. 25, at the Young People's meeting, - there were only three young men, if I remember correctly, and two young women present, Mr. Batchelder arose and and said that he wished to talk about adultery.

He then read the story of David's atrocious infamy with Bath-sheba, and proceeded to make remarks that in public were simply indecent and outrageous, - a debauchery of every sentiment of propriety and delicacy.

I did not stop him because it did not seem wise so to do.

I told the Deacons, however, that in my judgment, the time had come to act, that this thing could not be allowed to go any further. They were agreed. We arranged to meet Mr.

Batchelder at the Parsonage at the close of the services on Thanksgiving morning. Nov. 29,
We met, and told him that this thing must stop, that it could, and would not be permitted any longer in the Church.

With all the wisdom and grace and sweet-reasonableness of which the Standing Committee are possessed we reasoned with him. But to none of it would he listen, - to none of it would he give the least heed.

Last Sunday night, Dec. 2, in the Young Peoples meeting he arose and began to denounce the Pastor and the Deacons of the Church as hinderers of the Lords work.

I arose, took charge of the meeting and told Mr. Batchelder to stop. If the officers of the Church were to be denounced the Young Peoples meeting was not the place for it and I would not permit it. He ceased speaking without a word of remonstrance.

On Wednesday morning the Standing Committee of the Church went together to see Mr. Batchelder to try once more to reason with him and show him the false position in which he was placing himself and the injury he was doing and the mischief he was making.

The result of the conference was a total failure. It then seemed wise to the Standing Committee to call this special meeting of the Church, in order to see what the Church wished done in the matter, as the Standing Committee had gone as far as they thought it their duty to go without instructions from the Church.

At a Wednesday evening prayer meeting of the Church, held in the Chapel Jan. 9th., 1901. (Notice having been given the afternoon before that action would be taken on Arthur B. Batchelder's case) the Standing Committee of the Church made the following recommendation:

It is unanimously recommended by the Standing Committee of the Church that Arthur B. Batchelder's name be dropped from the membership of the Church without debate and that his presence and speech in the meetings of this Church be forbidden.

It was then voted, (Mr. Hiram N. Towne having made the motion and Mr. Albert F. Hurlbutt seconded it) that the report of the Standing Committee be accepted, and its unanimous recommendation that Arthur B. Batchelder's name be dropped from the membership of the Church without debate; and that his presence and speech in the meetings of the Church be forbidden Be Adopted; and that such is hereby made the order of this Church meeting.

A true record
Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

Voted rescinded Jan. 28, 1903.)

Mr. Batchelder was reinstated, Jan. 28, 1903. See vote of Church on page 140

1901 At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, held in the Chapel January 23, 1901 at three o'clock in the afternoon the following record was made.

The Pastor (Emery L. Bradford) opened the meeting with prayer.

Records of the last Annual Business meeting and intervening business were read by the Clerk and approved.

Chose John W. Parkhurst Church Clerk.

Chose Daniel W. Conant Church Treasurer.

Voted That the Church ratify the choice of the Sabbath School in the Election of John W. Parkhurst as its Superintendent.

Voted To accept the report of the Church Treasurer, which is as follows:

Report of the Treasurer

Whole amount received for benevolent objects the past year,	(135.02
The Congregational Education Society	9,00
Famine Relief Fund	17,25
The Congregational Church Building Society	7,05
The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society	30,15
The American Board of Foreign Missions	47,92
The American Missionary Association	14,65
The Boston Seamans Friend Society	9,10
	135,02

Christmas Tree 10,50

1901

Treasurers report continued

Received for Church Expenses

In the treasury Jan 1st 1900		,61
Whole ammt collected the past year	12,33	
		12,94
Paid I. Frank Waters for Conference dues and Bd. of Pastoral Supply		1,99
Paid Dea Killam		4,55
		12,54
Balance in the Treasury		,40

Daniel W. Conant Treasurer,
Boxford Jan 1st 1901

Voted to accept the report of the Supt. of the Sabbath School, which is as follows:

Report of the Supt. of the Sunday School of the First Congl Church, Boxford.

The officers of the School at the beginning of the year were:

Supt. Mr. H. N. Towne, Assistant Supt. Dea. L. W. Parkhurst, Librarian, Dea. F. P. Killam, Sec. and Treasurer. Mrs. E. L. Bradford.

Book Committee { Miss Jones, Mrs. Killam, Miss Peabody.

The year has been one of quiet, steady work. The School shows a remarkable steadiness of attendence, out of a membership of 70 there has been an average attendence of 61.

During the year 9 scholars have received Diplomas for completing a year of perfect attendence

1901 on the sessions of the School; 5 have received a seal for completing the second year of perfect attendence; 2 for completing the third year of perfect attendence and 5 for completing the fourth year of perfect attendence.

There have been 12 additions to the school during the year and 13 losses, making the present membership 69.

The contributions of the School have been the largest in its history, amounting to $170,22.

The class making the largest collection was Mr. Bradford's.

During the year a box of Books was sent to Sardine, Mont. and one to Manchester, Vt., and a Thanksgiving barrel to The Little Wanderer's Home in Boston.

There are 12 members in the Home Department who have contributed $12,87 during the year.

At the annual election of officers held in Dec. it seemed best and wisest for me to resign the superintendency of the School. I had held the office for five years during which I had been absent but two Sundays, and it seemed best that someone else should bear the burden and care of the School.

I have enjoyed the work and thank the Teachers and the Church for their uniform kindness and help in the care and conduct of the school.

The officers elected were:

Supt. Dea. J. W. Parkhurst

Assistant Supt. George F. Gould

1901

Librarian Dea. T. P. Killam.
Sec. and Treas. Mrs. E. L. Bradford.
Book committee { Miss Dines
Mrs. Killam.
Miss Peabody.
Respectfully submitted
H. N. Towne

Voted to accept the report of the Sabbath School Treasurer which is as follows:

Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School of the First Congregational Church, Boxford.

Cash on hand Jan 1st, 1900.		$13.13
Contributions by classes during the year are as follows:		
Miss Grace Gould's class.		$2.39
Miss Cleareland's	"	6.44
Mrs. Steven's	"	8.62
Miss Peabody's	"	10.29
Mrs. Peabody's	"	10.47
Dr. Steven's	"	11.16
Miss Sawyer's	"	13.33
Mrs. Gage's	"	37.55
Mr. Bradford's	"	37.74
		137.94 (4)
Children's Day Collection.		6.26
Home Department collections.		12.89
		$170.22

The expenditures and contributions of the School for the year have been:

Sunday School supplies, including quarterlies

170.22

1901

Children's Papers. Diplomas &c.	25.57
A.M.A. Indian Work.	25.00
The American Board of Foreign Missions	44.24
Tuition of boy in Ward Academy	10.00
Cong'l S.S. & Pub. Soc.	25.00
Little Wanderer's Home,	10.50
Pulpit in Chapel in Brooklin Maine,	20.00
	160.31
Balance on hand. Jan. 1st. 1901,	9.91

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie L. Bradford.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody Sunday School Library Fund, which is as follows:

Report to the Church of the Mary Ann Peabody Sunday School Library Fund.

By Emery L. Bradford, Jr.,
Jan. 23rd, 1901.

Balance on hand as reported at the last Annual Meeting, Jan. 17th, 1900, $41.75

1900
Nov. 5. Recd Int from Savings Bank, 12.62
54.37

1900.
Feb. 12. Paid Cong'l S.S. and Pub. Soc. for Books, $33.76
Apl. 24. Paid Freight on books sent to 5.12
1901
Jan. 12. Paid Jas. A. Leighton for services on Eddy Loan 10.50
49.38

Balance on hand Jan. 23rd. 1901. 4.99

1901 Respectfully Submitted
Emery L. Bradford

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Caroline Peabody fund, which is as follows:

Report to the Church of the Caroline Peabody Church Fund, By Emery L. Bradford, Jr.

Jan. 23 rd. 1901

Balance on hand as reported at the last Annual Meeting, Jan. 17th, 1900. $22.17

1900

Nov. 5. Recd from Savings Bank 6.31

28,48

1900

Feb. 12. Paid for pictures for Sunday School Children, $1,82

Aug. 25. Paid for stamps and Notarys fees on Eddy loan 4,45

Oct. 15. Order of service 4.00

1901

Jan. 2. Handbooks, .75

Jan. 14, Church Manuals, 12.40

23,02

Balance on hand Jan. 23 rd. 1901. 5,46

Respectfully submitted
Emery L. Bradford

Voted to put in place of the Ministerial relief fund for February, as suggested by the Standing Committee; the Church Building Society for February.

(over)

1901
Voted to accept the list of objects for Benevolent Contributions for the year 1901, as suggested by the Standing Committee which is as follows:

Suggested objects for the benevolent contributions for the year 1901.

January. Congl Education Soc.
February. Ch. Buildg. Soc.
March, April and May. Congl Home Missionary Society.
June, July and Aug. Am. Missionary Association.
Sept. Oct. Nov. Foreign Missions
Dec. Seamens Aid.

Roll call by the Clerk.
Meeting closed with Prayer.

A true record,
Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1901

At a Sunday morning service April 21st, 1901.
The Church voted to grant a letter of Dismissal to Miss Marion Pearson, and a letter of recommendation to the Park St. Congregational Church of Boston, Mass.

At a Wednesday evening meeting May 1st. 1901.
Rev. and Mrs. Albert B. Peabody, were chosen delegates to attend the Spring session of the Essex South Conference to be held in Wenham May 8th. 1901.

This is to certify that Miss Marion Pearson was received a member of the Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 3d of May, by letter from the First Congregational Church in Bedford Massachusetts.

Attest.
Wm J. Usher
Church Clerk.

Boston, May 5, 1901.

A true copy
Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Wednesday evening meeting May 15th. 1901.
W. Herbert Howe, was chosen a delegate to attend the meeting of the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, to be held in Andover, May 21st., 22nd and 23rd. 1901.

1901 At a Wednesday evening service, Dec. 11th 1901. Lillian S Switchell was propounded for admission to this Church by letter from the Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton, Mass.

Her name was acted upon Jan 1st 1902, and was received into the fellowship of this Church, at the Sunday morning service Jan. 19th 1902.

Miss Mary L. Cheney, having been duly examined by the Standing Committee Dec. 26, 1902

The Church voted to receive her into its fellowship, at the Preparatory Lecture Jan 1st 1902. and she was Baptized Jan. 19, 1902.

1902 At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford held in the Chapel January 21st 1902. at two o'clock in the afternoon the following record was made.

The Pastor Emery L Bradford opened the meeting with prayer.

Records of the last Annual Business meeting and intervening business were read by the Clerk and approved.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.

Chose Daniel W. Comant } Church Treasurer.

~~Voted~~ ~~That the Church ratify the Choice of the Sabbath School as its Superintendent.~~

Voted That the Church ratify the choice of the Sabbath School in the election of John W. Parkhurst as its Superintendent.

Voted to accept and approve the report of the Church Treasurer. which is as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Amount received for Benevolent offerings the past year $132.01

The Congregational Education Society	6,00
The Congregational Church Building Society	13.09
The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society	21,22
The American Missionary Association	43.70

1902 The American Board for Foreign Missions 40,00

132,51

Church Expenses

on hand Jan 1st 1901	.40	
Cash received	13,42	
	13,82	
Paid Dea. Killam		4,30
Paid T. Frank Waters for Conference dues, and Board of Pastoral Supply		7,73
		12,03
Cash in Treasury		1,79
Christmas Tree		8,29

Daniel W. Conant Treasurer

Boxford Jan. 1st 1902.

Voted to accept and approve the report of the Supt. of the Sabbath School. which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Congl Church, Boxford, year ending December 31, 1901.

The Officers of the School at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt. John W. Parkhurst

Asst. " George A. Gould

Librarian, Deacon T. Peden Killam.

Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Bradford

Book Committee { Miss Florence Jones
Mrs. T. P. Killam
Miss Grace J. Peabody.

1902 The number of those belonging to the School Jan. 1st. 1901, were seventy (70) and belonging Jan. 1st. 1902 were 60. Additions 11, Losses 21.

I very much regret that we have lost so many from the School during the year; but the most of them were for reasons which could not be very well helped; at the beginning of the near, or a little later the Bible Class was broken up; Dr. Stevens who had served as its Teacher for the last fifteen or twenty years, almost always present, saw fit to give up his class, to the great loss of the School; as he was a faithful and intelligent Teacher, and we wish that he might see it convenient to resume his work again.

There were forty eight sessions of the School during the year. The largest attendance was forth when there were sixty nine present; Smallest attendance fourth Sunday in November when there were thirty four present.

With the above exception our classes are all provided with good faithful teachers, who are doing a good work for their scholars.

The amount of Contributions received $24.91

Amount Expended $22.38

To this should be added about seven dollars which was sent to the Little Wanderer's Home, I could not tell the exact amount, as two of the envelopes

were put in the bags, and one was not marked, we also sent a barrel of things to the same place.

At the last annual election of Officers the same ones were reelected.

I wish to thank the officers and Teachers for the faithful manner in which they have stood by the School.

Respectfully Submitted
John W. Parkhurst

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Sunday School, which is as follows:—

S. S. Treasurer's Report. 1901

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1901	$9.91
Received Class Contributions	95.49
Received Children's Day Coll.	6.04
Received Home Dept.	13.52
	124.96

Expenditures

S. S. Supplies.	$25.31
Mass. S. S. Ass.	2.00
Christmas Tree deficit.	1.70

Gifts as follows:—

Ward Academy	20.00
Fort Berthold	25.00
Orphans in Armenia	15.00
Orphans in India	13.00

Home Miss. Soc.	$10.00
S. S. Pub. Soc.	6.04
City Missions (D. W. Waldron).	4.00
	$124.00

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1902 $.88

Carrie L. Bradford,
Sec. and Treas.

S. S. Secretary's Report. 1901

No. Jan. 1, 1901	70
" " " 1902	60
Additions	11
Losses	21
Aver. Att.	54

Officers Supt. Dea. Parkhurst
Asst. " Mr. George Gould
Sec. and Treas. Mrs. E. L. Bradford
Librarian Dea. Killam
Book Com. Mrs. J. P. Killam, Miss Jones, Miss Grace Pendoda

Children's Day observed with concert.
Feb. 11 The School presented an oak desk and chair to Mr. Towne in recognition of his five years efficient service as Superintendent
Aug. S. S. picnic at Ipswich Beach.
Oct 7 Thanksgiving the school sent to the Little Wanderers Home a barrel of vegetables

1902 and $12.35 in cash from individuals.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of Mary Ann Peabody Fund, which is as follows:—

Report of the Mary Ann Peabody Sunday School Library Fund, at the Annual Meeting of the Church, Jan. 29th, 1902.

Balance on hand as reported at the Annual Meeting, Jan. 23rd, 1901.	$4.99
Received during the year interest on the Fund in the Georgetown Savings Bank	30.62
	$35.61
Paid for Library Cards	.50
Paid for Express on Books	40
Paid for Library Books	24.61
Paid for bill of sundries to Miss Mary Ellen Perley	5.33
	30.84
	4.77

And this sum of money I declare to be the balance now in my possession.

Emery L. Bradford.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Caroline Peabody Fund, which is as follows:

Report of the Caroline Peabody Church Fund, at the Annual Church Meeting, Jan. 29th, 1902.

1902 Balance on hand as reported at the annual Meting, Jan. 23rd, 1901 $5,46

Received during the year interest on the Fund in the Georgetown Savings Bank 13,12, 13.12 18,58

Paid Parish Treasurer for music 5,00
" for postage 1,00
" Handbooks for 1902 75
6,75
11,83

And this sum of money I declare to be now the balance in my possession,
Emery L. Bradford

Voted that the Ladies Benevolent Society be requested to make a report of their work at our next annual meting and a summary thereafter

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Standing Committee in regard to objects for Benevolent Contributions which is as follows:

Benevolent Offerings for 1902.

January: Seamen's Aid Society.
February: Congregational Education Society.
March, April, May: American Board of Foreign missions.
June, July, August: Congregational Home Missionary Society.
Sept. Oct. Nov: American Missionary Association.
December: Congregational Church Building Society.

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1902 Roll call by the Clerk.

Meting closed by a season of prayer.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

Rev. Emery L. Bradford's Letter of Resignation

Byfod, Massachusetts,
May 11th, 1902.

To The First Congregational Church
and Parish,
Byfod,
Massachusetts.

My dear Friends and Brethren:-

Ten years ago it seemed good to you and to me that we join hands in fellowship in Christian work. I came to you, in obedience to your call, with the first, fresh enthusiasms of my professional life. These years have been of vast and far-reaching import to me, and I can but know, - and I am profoundly grateful for the fact, - that they have not been meaning-less and unfruitful to you.

As you already know, I have been invited to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in East Weymouth, Massachusetts. The conditions and circumstances under which this call has come leave no doubt whatever in my mind that this is

1902 the Divine will for me. If for me, then, by the same token, for you also.

Having come to this conviction I hereby tender to the First Congregational Church and Parish of Boxford my resignation as Pastor and Teacher, suggesting the 15th of June as the day on which this resignation shall take effect. I earnestly request the First Church and Parish to promptly concur in this decision, and to join me in calling an ecclesiastical council, as soon as may be mutually convenient, to dissolve the pastoral relation hitherto existing between us.

I could spend much time this morning rehearsing my hearts deep remembrance of your unfailing loyalty, devotion, and support during these years of my ministry. To do that however at any length, would only add unnecessary pain to this moment. Yet I should be false to myself if I did not make some sincere acknowledgement of my gratitude to you.

Let me speak of that one thing which has been underneath, carrying all the rest.

God has been unspeakably good to me all my days; and, while I have never lacked that which I prize most of all things on earth, the supporting power of my friends, yet it is true that this gift has come to me in its fullest measure during my life here.

The affection, the warm personal friendship the sustaining faith of so many persons in your homes has been the unfailing source of

1902 joy and inspiration; – and without that consciousness I could not have done my work.

Your faith in me has made possible all that we have done together.

With devoutest feelings of appreciation I own my obligation to you, and am profoundly grateful that it has been my privilege to live in Bedford, to be Pastor of this Church, and to know you in your homes, for ten years.

I hope to win friends in my new field of work, but wherever I am, or whatever the future may bring to me, there must always be a peculiarly deep and tender remembrance of my life and friendships here.

This was my first Church, here was my first home, no other, no matter how full of joy or success, can be quite like this.

I rejoice above measure that this first church, and this first home, has been mine with you so long.

I can only pray that there may come to you through all the succeeding years that which is the greatest thing we know; and for which we dare pray, – the accomplishment for you, for your homes, and for your Church, the blessed will of God.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace,

I am sincerely,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Emery L. Bradford.

A true copy

Attest: John W. Parkhurst, Church Clerk

1902 At a Sunday morning service May 11th 1902. Daniel W. Conant and Mrs. Alice R. Gage were chosen delegates to attend the Spring session of the Essex South Conference held in Beverly May 14th 1902.

At a Wednesday evening meeting May 14th, 1902. after the Prayer meeting, the Church proceeded to take action upon the resignation of Rev. Emery L. Bradford.

Deacon Killam was in the chair.

Mr Bradford's resignation was read by the Clerk

Voted that the resignation be accepted and that a Committee of three be chosen by nomination from the floor; to draw up resolutions, and make arrangements for the Ecclesiastical Council, to dismiss our Pastor.

Chose Miss Mary Sawyer
" Deacon John W. Parkhurst
Deacon T. Perley Killam
} Committee on resolutions and arrangements.

Voted that this Committee report next Wednesday evening.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until next Wednesday evening.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

1902 At a Wednesday evening meeting, May 21st 1902 after the Prayer meeting, the business meeting of the Church was held, according to adjournment from May 14th 1902.

Deacon Killam was in the Chair.

Voted to accept the Resolutions presented by the Committee, which are as follows:

Whereas; In the Providence of God, our Pastor, Rev. Emery L. Bradford, has received a call to another field of labor and deems it his duty to accept the same

Resolved, That we accept his resignation with deepest regret, conscious that it means irreparable loss to us, and moved to our action only by consideration for his welfare and greater opportunity of usefulness

Resolved That we acknowledge with grateful appreciation his self sacrificing devotion to this church during the ten years of his ministry; his untiring and successful work for the young; his faithful ministry to the sick and the aged; his high ideals of Christian life and character and his unremitting efforts to lead his people to attain those ideals.

Resolved That we also recognize his great ability as a preacher; his breadth of outlook; the depth of thought, the power and beauty of his sermons and the rare spirituality always so marked a characteristic of them.

In parting with Mr. Bradford the church

1902 loses an able preacher, a firm and wise leader, a sympathizing pastor, and an upright, manly, sincere, Christian friend, and while we thus acknowledge his work here, we pray that our Master and Lord may yet more abundantly bless his efforts in the years to come, that the joy of service and the joy of achievement may be his in fullest measure

Resolved; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Pastor, and that they be entered upon the Records of the Church.

Mary Sawyer
Deacon John U. Parkhurst
Dea. S. Perley Killam
Committee of the Church.

Voted that the same committee appointed by the Church last week to draw up Resolutions etc be the Committee of Supply for the Church.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record
Attest: John U. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk

1902

Boxford, Mass., June 3, 1902.

In response to letter Mutual an Ecclesiastical Council convened this third day of June, nineteen hundred and two, at the Congregational Meeting House in Boxford, Mass., to advise the church and pastor in the matter of the latter's resignation and dismissal to accept the pastorate of the Congregational Church at East Weymouth, Mass.

The Council organized by the choice of Rev. William T. Alcott, of the Linebrook church as moderator, and Rev. H. J. Myckoff of the church in Topsfield as scribe.

After prayer by the moderator, the roll of the churches invited was called and a quorum declared present: the following churches being represented:

Cong. Ch. in Topsfield,	Rev. H. J. Myckoff, pastor Wm. J. Porter Gould, del.
Cong. Ch. in Middleton,	Wm. F. H. Wilkins, del.
Cong. Ch. in Linebrook,	Rev. William T. Alcott, pastor. Dea. C. W. Wells, del.
First Cong. Ch. in Danvers,	Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, del.
Maple St. Ch. in Danvers,	Wm. Samuel L. Sawyer, del.
Tabernacle Ch. in Salem,	Rev. D. S. Clarke, D. D., pastor
Crombie St. Ch. in Salem,	Rev. J. M. Buckham, pastor

1902

The records of the church relative to the resignation of the pastor, Rev. E. L. Bradford, were called for and read.

These records contained a copy of the letter of resignation; of the vote of the church accepting the resignation, subject to the advice of Council, and of the resolutions prepared and voted by the church, expressing deep affection for Mr. Bradford, large respect for his ability, and most grateful appreciation of his long and successful pastorate.

The clerk of the Parish stated that the Parish had voted to concur in the action of the church by choosing a committee to assist in completing the dismission.

Voted: That these records be deemed, and are hereby declared to be, satisfactory.

The pastor spoke briefly concerning the reasons for leaving his charge: asking to be dismissed from the church in Bedford because he was confident that it was the will of God that he should go forth.

Without private session of the Council, it was

Voted: That the Council recommend the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

Voted: That a committee be appointed to draft for the Council resolutions appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. D. S. Clarke, D. D., Rev. H. C. Adams, and Rev. J. H. Buckham were chosen on this committee, and presented the following

1902

Memorial: The Council having voted to recommend the dissolution of the pastoral relation, in coming to this result the Council would place upon record their sincere appreciation of the notably useful and successful service of Rev. Bradford in a Parish which (in spite of the depletion which many of our communities are suffering) has been loyal to its highest and best traditions of the Pastorate.

We commend him as a careful scholar, an able preacher, a devoted pastor, a valued citizen, and above all as a true and self-denying disciple of Him whose Gospel he preaches.

We commend this church for its faithful co-operation with its pastor during the years of his ministry here, and for its Christian spirit in relinquishing him to a larger field of service.

We rejoice with the church to which our brother is called, and assure it of the high esteem in which he is held by the churches and ministers of the Essex South Conference: and we pray that to this church the blessing and guidance of God may be vouchsafed in the future as in the future as in the past.

Voted. That the foregoing Memorial be accepted by the Council

Voted: That the scribe be, and hereby is, authorized to complete the minutes of the Council, and to transmit a copy of the same to the Church in Bradford and to Rev. Bradford: and that after [illegible] the Council be dissolved.

1902 Prayer by Rev. H. C. Adams concluded the session.
attest.
Wm. P. Alcott Moderator.
Herbert L. Ingraff Scribe.

The following persons having been recommended by the Standing Committee their names were propounded to the Church Sunday morning June 1902. The Church voted to receive them into its fellowship at the Preparatory Lecture held on Friday evening June 13th 1902, and were Baptized Sunday morning June 15th 1902: namely: Chester Killam and wife Minnie Dola (Tidd) Killam, and Bessie Gertrude Hurlbutt.

At a Wednesday evening meeting June 25th 1902 the Church voted to accept the invitation of the Congl. Church of East Weymouth Mass. and chose Brother Nehemiah W. Towne as delegate to represent this church in Ecclesiastical Council with the Congl. Church of East Weymouth Mass. and on the Installation of the Rev. Emery L. Bradford on the second day of July met at three o'clock

1902 At a business meeting of the Church held in the Chapel, on Tuesday Evening, July 1st 1902. at the close of the prayer meeting, the following record was made:— Deacon Killam was in the Chair.

Voted To postpone action upon Mr. John P. Garfield, until we have heard Mr. Garfield again, and have heard other candidates.

Voted that we ask Mr. Garfield to preach again.

Voted to adjourn this meeting.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a business meeting of the Church, held in the Chapel on July 16, 1902. at 7-45 P. M. the following record was made.

Deacon Killam was in the Chair.

Meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Albert B. Peabody

After hearing the report of the Committee it was unanimously

Voted to etend a call to John P. Garfield to become our Pastor and religous teacher.

Voted that the Committee of Supply be a Committee to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. John P. Garfield, and make arrangements for his Ordination and Installation in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

Voted to adjourn.

1902. July 23, 1902. a letter was received from John P. Garfield saying he had decided to accept a call from the 1st Congl. Church, Enfield Ct.

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church in Bedford held on Friday evening Sept. 26, 1902 at half past seven in the Chapel the following record was made.

Deacon T. Perley Killam was in the chair.

Voted to grant the request of Mr. and Mrs. Emery L. Bradford, asking for a letter of dismission from this Church, and a letter of recommendation to the Congl. Church at East Weymouth, Mass. their letter having been read at a Prayer meeting Sept. 17th 1902.

Letters regarding the Rev. Laird W. Snell, were read by the Clerk.

Voted Unanimously to extend a call to the Rev Laird W. Snell to become our Pastor and Religious teacher.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Snell, and to make arrangements for his installation in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

Voted that the Supply Committee, namely Miss Mary Sawyer, Deacon John W. Parkhurst and Deacon T. P. Killam, be that Committee

Voted To dissolve this meeting.

This page recorded before.

1902 At a ~~Wednesday evening~~ business Friday evening meeting Sept. 26th 1902. The Church voted to grant a letter of Dismissal to Rev. Emery L. Bradford and Mrs. Emery L. Bradford, and a letter of recommendation to the Congl. Church of East Weymouth, Mass.

See previous page for this.

At a business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Bopford held on Friday evening Sept. 26, 1902 at 7-30 in the Chapel, the following record was made.

Deacon Killam was in the Chair.

Voted to grant the request of Emery L. Bradford and Mrs. Bradford, asking a letter of dismission from this Church and a letter of recommendation to the Congl. Church of East Weymouth, Mass.

Letters in regard to Rev. Laird W. Snell were read by the Clerk.

Unanimously Voted to extend a Call to Rev. Laird W. Snell, to become our Pastor and religious teacher.

Voted to choose a Committee of three, to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Snell, and to make arrangements for his Installation, in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

Voted that the Supply

1902. Call to Rev. Laird Wingate Snell.

Rev. Laird W. Snell.

Dear Brother:

The undersigned, on behalf of the First Congregational Church of Bedford, Mass.

And the First Parish connected therewith beg leave respectfully to submit to your consideration the following certified copies of recent votes of that Church and Parish.

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church in Bedford, held on Friday evening Sept. 26, 1902 at half past seven in the Chapel, the following record was made.

Deacon T. Perley Killam was in the chair.

Voted Unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. Laird W. Snell to become our Pastor and religious teacher.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Snell, and to make arrangements for his installation, in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

Voted that the Supply Committee, namely; Miss Mary Sawyer, Deacon John W. Parkhurst and Deacon T. Perley Killam be that Committee.

A true copy of record,

T. Perley Killam Chairman

John W. Parkhurst Clerk

At a legal meeting of the First Parish held Oct. 3, 1902 it was unanimously voted that the Parish concur with the Church in requesting the Rev. Laird W. Snell to become their Pastor and

1902 religious teacher.

Voted That should he accept our joint invitation the Parish will pay him an annual salary of $900. to be paid in quarterly instalments, and the use of the Parsonage as long as the relation shall continue.

Voted That should this invitation be accepted the Pastor be entitled to an annual vacation of 3 weeks, during which this Parish under direction of the Deacons of the Church will supply the pulpit.

Voted that H. N. Towne, A. G. Hurlbutt and Mrs A. R. Gage be a committee to act with the committee of the Church in all procedures made necessary by the above votes.

a true copy
Albert B. Peabody Moderator
T. Perley Killam Clerk

Allow us, dear sir, to add to the invitation conveyed in these votes, the expression of our earnest hope that you will be able to see clearly that it is the desire of the Great Head of the Church that you accept this call, and will name an early day for the installation service.

With Christian salutations, Yours in the Gospel,

Mary Sawyer
John W. Parkhurst
T. P. Killam
Abbie R. Gage
H. N. Towne
A. G. Hurlbutt
} Committee of the Church and Parish.

Boxford Oct. 4, 1902. A true copy Attest: John W. Parkhurst, Clerk

1902. Rev. Laird Wingate Snell's Acceptance.

To the First Congregational Church and Parish
of Bedford, Mass.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I thank you for the promptness and unanimity of your call to me to become your pastor and religious teacher.

So marked a spirit of unanimity is not only cause of gratification for me, but also promise of the presence and blessing of God.

The bonds which in my recent field united pastor and people were severed not by act of man but by the hand of God.

I went forth assured that his hand led, but like Abraham not knowing whither I went.

I believe that the Father has led me past other apparent openings to this field. With this confidence I am able without delay, in the spirit of obedience to my Master and in devotion to his service, to accept your call. I am ready to begin service as your pastor at such time as you wish.

In the belief that God has led us each to the other may we not face the future with strong hope and faith? May this Church not look to give to the community a demonstration of the Spirit and of power? May we not ask and be assured that God's Spirit through us shall win men unto Him whom we know as Savior, Master, and King?

United and set on a spiritual aim, being constant in prayer, relying upon the Holy Spirit, faithful by laboring in the Name and with the spirit of

1902 the Master, we shall find it come to pass in this place that He will be lifted up, and draw men unto Him.

Faithfully yours,
in the service of Jesus Christ.
Laird Wingate Snell.

Bolford, Oct. 5, 1902.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Wednesday evening meeting, Oct. 22, 1902. the Church voted to accept the Invitation of the Maple Street Congregational Church of Danvers, Mass and chose John W. Parkhurst as Delegate to represent this Church in Ecclesiastical Council with the Maple St. Congl. Church of Danvers and in the Installation of the Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, on the 28th day of October 1902 at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Church voted to invite the following named Churches and Individuals to sit in Ecclesiastical Council with this Church, in the Installation of Rev. Laird Wingate Snell, Oct. 30, 1902. namely:

Tabernacle Church, Salem.
Maple Street Church, Danvers.
First Church, Danvers.
Church at Middleton.
Church at Topsfield.
Church at Linebrook.

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Church at West Bxford.
First Church, Georgetown.
Memorial Church, Georgetown.
Church at East Weymouth.
Church at Magnolia.
Leyden Church, Brookline
Union Congl. Church, No. Brookfield
Rev. John L. Sewall, St. Albans, Vt.
Rev. Frederick Palmer, Christ Church, Andover
Invited as guest of the Church.

A true record
Attest John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

To the First Congregational Church of Bxford Mass.
This Certifies that Rev. Emery L. Bradford, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the 21" day of Oct. A.D. 1902, received into the membership of the 1" Congl st Church of E. Weymouth.

Attest T. H. Emerson Clerk.

E. Weymouth Oct 29 1902.

To the First Congregational Church of Bxford Mass
This Certifies that Mrs. Emery L. Bradford, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the 21" day of Oct A.D. 1902, received into the membership of the 1" Congl st Church of E. Weymouth.

Attest T. H. Emerson Clerk.

E. Weymouth Oct 29 1902

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst Church Clerk

1902 At a Wednesday evening meeting, Nov. 12th 1902. the Church chose Mrs. Horace Berry and Miss Mary K. Bremner as Delegates to attend the Essex South Conference to be held at the Dane St., Church, Beverly November 13th 1902.

Installation of Rev. Laird Wingate Snell.

First Congregational Church,
Bedford, Massachusetts.
October 30, 1902.

In accordance with Letters Missive from the First Congregational Church in Bedford, Mass., to certain neighboring churches and to individuals, an Ecclesiastical Council met in this Church this day at 10.15 A.M. to consider the question of installing the Rev. Laird Wingate Snell as the Pastor of this Church and of extending to him the fellowship of the ministers and churches.

The Council was called to order by the Rev. Harry C. Adams of the First Church, Danvers, who read the Letter Missive

The Council organized by choosing as Moderator the Rev. H. C. Adams of Danvers and as Scribe the Rev. M. W. Stackpole of Magnolia.

The Opening Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Scribe then called the roll of the churches and persons invited, and the roll of the Council was constituted as follows:-

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Tabernacle Church, Salem:	
The Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, D.D.	Pastor
Edward L. Perley	Delegate
Maple St. Church, Danvers:	
Samuel L. Sawyer	Delegate
First Church, Danvers (Center):	
The Rev. Harry C. Adams	Pastor
Middleton Church:	
The Rev. Leslie C. Greeley	Pastor
Deacon Asa Howe	Delegate
Linebrook Church, Ipswich:	
J. H. Tenney	Delegate
Topsfield Church:	
The Rev. Herbert J. Wyckoff	Pastor
C. H. Leach	Delegate
West Bofford Church:	
The Rev. C. L. Hubbard	Pastor
A. J. Henley	Delegate
First Church, Georgetown:	
The Rev. W. F. Low	Pastor
Deacon Charles Holmes	Delegate
Memorial Church, Georgetown:	
The Rev. D. F. Atherton	Pastor
Deacon John F. Jackson	Delegate
Magnolia Church	
The Rev. M. W. Stackpole	Pastor
George A. Upton	Delegate
East Weymouth Church	
The Rev. Emery L. Bradford	Pastor
Capt. I. N. Colby	Delegate

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Leyden Church, Brookline
The Rev. Harris G. Hale — Paster
George P. Davis — Delegate
Union Congregational Church, No. Brookfield
Wm. Walley — Delegate
The Rev. John L. Sewell, St. Albans, Vt.
The Rev. Frederic Palmer, Andover, Mass.

The Records of the Church were read by its Clerk as follows:-

1. The Minutes of the Church ~~were read~~ Meeting at which it was voted to extend a call to Rev. Laild Wingate Snell to the pastorate.
2. A copy of the letter to Mr. Snell informing him of the action of the Church and of the Parish.
3. The reply of Mr. Snell accepting the call of the Church
4. The action of the Church changing for this Counci

Voted: That these records be accepted as satisfactory.

The following credentials were presented by the candidate:-

1. The records of his ordination and installation as Paster of the Union Congregational Church at North Brookfield, Mass., on June 27, 1900. (The reading of this record was omitted.)
2. A certificate of the candidate's ministerial standing dated Brookfield, Mass., October 23, 1902, and signed by E. B. Blanchard, Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Standing of the Brookfield Conference.
3. The candidate's Letter of Dismissal from the Union Congregational Church of North Brookfield to the Congregational Church of Boxford Mass., dated October 17, 1902.

1902 The records of the Council of Dismissal at the Union Congregational Church, North Brookfield, on May 28, 1902, were not presented. Mr. Snell made an oral statement concerning this Council.

Mr. Snell then made a statement concerning his Christian experience, his education, his decision respecting the ministry, his experience as a pastor and his reasons for leaving his former pastorate; and then he presented a full written statement regarding his religious thought.

Voted: That the pastors and delegates be given opportunity in turn to question the candidate

Questions followed by several members of the Council.

Voted: That the Council be by itself.

Moved and seconded that the Council consider the examination satisfactory and proceed to the Installation.

The vote on this motion was taken by roll-call and was a unanimous one in the affirmative, Twenty votes being given.

Voted: That a committee of three, including the pastor-elect, be appointed to arrange for the service of Installation. The Moderator appointed the Rev. E. L. Bradford and the Rev. Herbert J. Wyckoff.

This committee reported and the Council adopted the following Order of Service to begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

1. An anthem by the choir.
2. Reading of the minutes by the Scribe.
3. Invocation: Rev. Leslie C. Greeley, Middleton
4. Reading of the Scriptures: Rev. Herbert J. Wyckoff, Topsfield

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5. Solo: Mr. E. Merrill.
6. Sermon: Rev. Harris G. Heale, Leyden Church, Brookline.
7. Solo: Mr. E. Merrill.
8. Installing Prayer: Dr. DeWitt S. Clark, Tabernacle Church, Salem.
9. Charge to the Pastor: Rev. John L. Sewall, St. Albans, Vermont.
10. Anthem: The choir.
11. Right hand of fellowship: Rev. Harry C. Adams, Danvers Center.
12. Charge to the People: Rev. E. L. Bradford, East Weymouth.
13. Hymn: "How firm a Foundation"
14. Closing Prayer: Rev. Frederic Palmer, Andover.
15. Benediction: The Pastor.

Voted: That the Scribe be authorized to complete the minutes.

Voted: That the Council take a recess from 12.15 until 2 o'clock and that the Council adjourn at the close of the Service of Installation.

The Service of Installation took place in accordance with the above order of Service, and at its close, at about 4:15 P. M., the Council adjourned.

Harry C. Adams.
Moderator.

Markham W. Stackpole.
Scribe

A true copy.
Attest: Joseph M. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

1903 At a Sunday morning service Jan. 18, 1903. the Church voted to accept the invitation of the Congl. Church of Topsfield, and chose Rev. Albert B. Peabody as delegate to represent this Church in Ecclesiastical Council with the Topsfield Church in the Dismissal of their Pastor, Rev. Herbert J. Wyckoff resigned.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

1903 At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Bedford, held in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 28th 1903 at half past two in the afternoon, the following record was made viz:

Meeting was opened by Prayer, by the Pastor, (Rev. David Wingate Snell).

Such parts of the last annual meeting record and records of intervening business, as the Church cared to hear were read by the Clerk and approved.

Voted to omit the reading of the records that refer to the settlement of our Pastor.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.
Chose Daniel W. Conant } Church Treasurer.
Chose S. Perley Killam } Deacon for five years.

Voted to approve the action of the Sunday School in the election of John W. Parkhurst as Superintendent.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer, which is as follows:

Report of the Treasurer.

Whole amt received for Benevolent objects the past year. 124,06

Seamen's Aid Society	7,42
The Congregational Education Society	5,25
Foreign Missions	32.50
Home Missions	36,85
The American Tract Society	12,56
The American Missionary Association	24,55
Church Building Society	4,23
	124,06

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The Women's Missionary Society
The Women's Board of Missions 19,00
143,06

Church Expenses

In treasury Jan. 1 1902.	1,79	
I have received	13,58	
	15,37	
Paid T. Frank Waters for conferences and Pastoral Supply		8,12.
Paid T. P. Killam		1,95
		10,07
Balance in treasury.		5,30
Received for Christmas Tree	6,46	

Daniel W. Conant Treasurer.

Boxford Jan 28 1903.

Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Congl. Church, Boxford; for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Officers of the School at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt. John W. Parkhurst
Asst. " George A. Gould
Librarian T. Perley Killam
Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. E. L. Bradford
Book Committee { Miss Florence Jones
Mrs. T. Perley Killam
Miss Grace S. Peabody

1903 May 16. upon the resignation of Mrs. Bradford as Sec. & Treas. Mrs. Geo. P. Thorne was elected in her place.

Enrolled members Jan. 1, 1902. 60

" " " " 1903. 77

Average attendance for the year 59¼

There have been six Sundays when there has been no session of the School owing to stormy weather.

The Bible class reorganized the second Sunday of May, and a new class was formed July 1st with Mrs. F. Penley Killam as teacher.

Whole Amt. received during the year $108,82

" " Expended " " " 82,06

" " " for Home Expenses 18,54

Although the School has made a gain in membership, still there is a chance for a great improvement, and I wish every child in the Parish might be able to attend as well as the older ones.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody Library fund, which is as follows:

Report of the Mary Ann Peabody Sunday School Library Fund

Balance on hand as reported at the Parish Meeting March 24 1901	4,77	
Rec. Interest on Fund from the Georgetown Savings Bank	35,00	
	39,77	
Paid for Library Books		38,19
Paid for Express & Postage		1.12
		39,31

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Balance on hand Jan 27 1903 .46

T. P. Killam
Treasurer

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Caroline Peabody Fund, which is as follows:

Report of the Caroline Peabody Church Fund

Balance on hand as reported at the Parish Meeting March 24th 1902		1,83
Rec from Georgetown Savings Bank, Interest		17,50
		19,33
Paid for Catalogue leaflets	1,25	
Paid for Handbooks for 1903	1,25	
Paid for Mimeograph supplies	5,00	
Paid for Church Manuel	3,50	
		11,00
Balance on hand Jan 27 1903		8,33

T. P. Killam
Treasurer.

Voted to substitute the Church Building Society, in place of the Bible Society, on the list recommended by the Standing Committee for Benevolent objects for the year

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Standing Committee in regard to objects for Benevolent Contributions, which is as follows.

January Seaman's Aid Society.
February S.S. & Pub. Society.

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1903 March, April & May American Missionary Associati
June, July, August, A. B. C. F. M.
September, October, November Home Missionay Society
December, Church Building Society.

Voted that the vote by which Arthur B. Batchelder was dismissed from this Church for disorderly conduct January 9, 1901 be recinded, and that he be reinstated in the membership of this church on the ground of his proved insanity making him not responsible for his conduct at the time of his dismissal.

Voted to authorize the Clerk to cut out the four pages in the Church records which refer to the action of Arthur B. Batchelder. [This was not done, as it would be illegal, according to Robert T. Swan, Com. of Public Records.]

Voted that a Committee of three be appointed to act with the Pastor and Deacons, in making arrangements for the celebration of the two hundred anniversary.

Chose Rev. Albert B. Peabody }
" Mrs. Albert B. Peabody } Committe appointed to act with the Pastor and
" Mr. Daniel W. Cohant } Deacons, on Celebration.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to solicit funds for a Memorial to Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer.

Chose Mr. Albert G. Hulbutt }
Rev. Albert B. Peabody } Committee on Memorial.
Rev. Laird W. Snell }

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Voted that some time during the year, the Church take a collection for the Bible Society.

A season of Devotion; followed by the Roll Call, and singing of Hymn 256.

Benediction by the Pastor.

At the close of the meeting a lunch was served by the ladies in the Vestry.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service February 22nd, 1903. the Church voted to grant a letter of Dismissal to Mrs. Frances R. Killam, and a letter of recommendation to the First Congregational Church in Millbury, Mass

To the First Congregational Church of Bedford, Mass
This Certifies that Frances R. Killam, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was on the 1st day of March A.D. 1903, received into the membership of the First Cong. Church of Millbury, Mass.
Attest Albert G. Hurd Clerk.

Mar. 3, 1903.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1903 At a Wednesday evening service April 29th 1903, the Church voted to grant a letter of dismissal to Mrs. Anna P. Loring, and a letter of recommendation to the Pilgrim Congl. Church of St. Louis, Mo.

At a Wednesday evening meeting May 6, 1903, Rev. Albert B. Peabody and Hiram N. Towne were chosen delegates to the Essex South Conference, to be held in Middleton May 13, 1903. Mr. Towne declined during the week, and Deacon T. Perley Killam was chosen Sunday morning May 10, 1903. to fill his place.

To the First Congregational Church of Bedford, Mass.
This Certifies that Mrs. Anna P. Loring, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the Third day of May, A. D. 1903, received into the membership of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of St. Louis Missouri.

Attest E. F. Wescott Clerk.

May 16, 1903.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1903 June 17th 1903. the Church celebrated its Bicentennial Anniversary. the following is a copy of the Program of the day.

Bicentennial Exercises
of the
First Congregational Church.
in Bedford, Mass.,
organized December 30, 1702.
Held June 17th, 1903.
Morning session, 9.30 A.M.

Devotional Exercises.
Historical Survey of the Church,
Rev. William P. Alcott.
Pastor 1881–1883.
Memorial Address to Rev. William Symmes Coggin.
D.D., Pastor 1838–1868.
Rev. Emery L. Bradford,
Pastor 1892–1902.

Music.
Letters from Rev. Sereno D. Gammell, Pastor 1868–1880;
and Rev. Robert R. Kendall, Pastor 1883–1891.
A Word as to the Outlook.
Rev. Laird Wingate Snell,
Pastor 1902–

Music.
Five minute Addresses from Friends and Members.
Lunch.

Afternoon Session, 2 P.M.
Music. Voluntary, Harp and Organ.
Prayer.
Response. Trio, "Lift up thine Eyes", from Mendelssohn's Elijah.

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Address: "The Churches of Massachusetts Bay Two Centuries Ago."
Prof. John Winthrop Platner, D.D.,
of Andover Theological Seminary.

Music. Anthem, "God of our Fathers". Schenecker.
Choir.

Address: "The Old-time Pastor, and the Sources of his Power."
Rev. Lyman Whiting D.D.
of East Charlemont, Mass.

Music. "Hymn to the Angels." Tours,
Voice, Harp, and Organ.

Address: "The Function of the Modern Church."
Rev. John Hopkins Denison,
Pastor Central Church, Boston.

Doxology.
Benediction.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service October 18th 1903.
Mr. Chester Killam and Rev. Albert B. Peabody, were chosen delegates to the Essex South Conference to be held at the Tabernacle Church, Salem Mass. October 21st 1903.

At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford held in the Chapel on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1904 at two o'clock in the afternoon the following record was made:-

Pastor was in the chair.

Record of last annual meeting and intervening business was read by the Clerk and approved.

Chose John W. Parkhurst Church Clerk.

Chose Daniel W. Conant Church Treasurer.

Voted to approve the action of the Sabbath School in the election of John W. Parkhurst as Supt.

Voted that we approve the plan of the ladies in regard to systematic Church benevolence.

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the standing Committee for Ch. Benevolences for the year, which is as follows:-

Church Benevolences for 1904.

January; Seaman's Aid Society.
February; S.S. and Pub. Society.
March, April, May; Foreign Miss.
June, July, August; A. M. A.
September, October; Home Missions.
November; Educational Society.
Dec.; Church Building Society.

Voted to accept the report of the Ch Trea

with the understanding that the sums from the ladies home missionary Society and Christmas Tree be added. which is a follows:-

Report of Treasurer.

Whole amount received for the benevolent purposes the past year.

Seamans Aid Society.	$8.09.
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society	3.34
American Missionary Association.	21 00
Foreign Missions.	34.00
American Bible Society.	7.52
Western Massachusetts Bible Soc.	7.00
Home Missions.	24.31
Church Building Society.	4 34
Total	$113.20

Church Expenses.

Balance on hand Jan 1st 1903.	$5.30
Received by Collections	10.98
	$16.28
Paid Deacon Sillam.	5.15
Paid J. Frank Waters for Conference dues and Board of Pastoral Supply.	7.32
	$12.47
Christmas Tree.	8.41
Balance in Treasury.	$3.81

Daniel W. Conant } Treasurer

Boxford,
Jan. 2nd 1904

Voted to accept the Report of the Sunday School Supt. which is as follows:

Report of the Supt. of the Sabbath School of the First Congregational Church Boxford, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:-

Superintendent John W. Parkhurst
Asst. Supt. George A. Gould.
Librarian Deacon Killam.
Sec. and Treas. Mrs. George P. Frame
Book Committee { Miss Florence Jones
Mrs J. Perley Killam.
Miss Grace D. Peabody.

About the first of April. Mrs. George P. Frame resigned her position as Sec. and Treas and Miss Irma Beane was elected to fill her place.

Enrolled members Jan. 1st. 1903. 81.
" " " " 1904. 43
Largest attendance June 14. 1903. 69. present
Average attendance for the year 59 5/9.

Whole amt. received during the year $92.28
" " Expended " " " 58.07
" " Home Expenses " " " 37.98

Amount in the Treasury — $34.21 out of which there are $15.00 pledged to Hampton School.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst.

Voted to take such collections in the Church as may be necessary to pay the conference tax and Pastoral supply.

Voted to discontinue the paying of the Pastoral supply tax.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Wednesday evening meeting Dec. 23, 1903, the following named persons were examined by the Standing Committee, namely:

Sarah Augusta Ingalls, Grace Perley,
Eva Marguerite Conley, Winnifid Chadwick Parkhurst,
Clarence Earnest Tidds, Harold Justus Nelson,
John Albert Elliott.

Frank Melvin Gould was not present at this meeting but was seen by the Pastor afterwards

All of the above named persons had their names propounded Sunday morning, Dec 27, 1903. with the exception of Frank Melvin Gould, also

Rev. Laird Wingate Snell, Mrs. Lama Mary (Skinner) Snell, by letter from the Union Congl. Church of North Brookfield, Mass.

Also Fred Ashley Pineo, by letter from the Presbyterian Church of Waterville and Lakeville Canada, Nova Scotia.

These were all voted in Jan. 2. 1904 at the Annual meeting of the Church, and would have been received into the fellowship of the Church Jan. 3, 1904. But owing to a severe storm only a few were present.

Sunday morning Feb 21, 1904. Miss Florence May Brown was examined by the Standing Committee, her name was Propounded Feb. 28th., 1904. Voted in March 2nd 1904.

Sunday Morning, March 6, 1904. The following persons were admitted to the fellowship of this Church. by Letter.

Rev. Laird Wingate Snell.
Mrs. Lana Mary (Skinner) Snell.
Fred Ashley Pineo.

By Baptism.

Miss Florence May Brown.
" Sarah Augusta Ingalls.
" Grace Perley.
" Eva Marguerite Conley.
Frank Melvin Gould.
John Albert Elliott.

By Confession. Miss Winnifrid Chadwick Parkhurst.
Clarence Earnest Tibbs.
Harold Justus Nelson.

Sunday morning Mar. 20, 1904, the Church voted to grant a letter of dismissal to Mrs. Wendal C. (Morse) Pace and a letter of recommendation to the Methodist Church of Topsfield.

Sunday morning Feb. 28, 1904. the Church voted to take a collection some Sunday morning, for the benefit of the West Peabody, Mass. Congl. Church, to make needed additions to its Church. Collection was taken April 10, 1904.

1904 Sunday morning April 3. 1904. George A. Gould was chosen by the Church as a Committee to act with Deacons John W. Parkhurst and T. Perley Killam. Chosen by the Proprietors of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, March 21, 1904. for the purpose of carrying into effect the following vote passed at the Proprietors meeting aforesaid. viz:

Voted that two persons be chosen annually by the proprietors to act with one other chosen by the Church as a committee to encourage and assist families or individuals, especially those newly arrived in town, to obtain permanent sittings in our Church by purchase or rental; the committee to act, as far as may be, as agents for individual proprietors who have sittings to sell or rent, and as representatives of the church in making people feel that we cordially wish them to become permanent members of our congregation.

Sunday morning, May 8. 1904, Rev. and Mrs. Albert B. Peabody, were chosen delegates to the Essex South Conference, to be held at the South Church, Ipswich. Wednesday, May 11th 1904.

Sunday morning, May 15. 1904. Miss Mary Ellen Perley was chosen a delegate to the General Association of Churches to be held in Fitchburg, Mass. 1904.

1904 At a Wednesday evening meeting June 22nd 1904. Earl Killam was examined by the Standing Committee.

His name, and Mr. William R. Conant and Mrs Edith G. Conant, by letter from the Walnut Ave. Congl. Church, Boston Highlands, Mass. were propounded Sunday morning June 26th 1904.

These were all voted in, at the Preparatory Lecture, Thursday evening June 30, 1904.

Sunday morning July 3rd 1904 confession of faith and Earl Killam was admitted by Baptism, and Mr. & Mrs. William R. Conant by letter, into the fellowship of this Church.

At a business meeting of the Church held after the Preparatory Lecture, on Thursday evening, June 30, 1904 the following record was made. The Pastor read his resignation, which had been previously read June 12, 1904. (see page 153)

Deacon Killam was in the Chair.

Voted to take a recess of five minutes.

[A motion was made and seconded, to accept the Pastors resignation and that it take effect the last Sunday in September, instead of the last Sunday in July as given in his resignation.]

Voted to amend the motion by changing the date when the Pastor's resignation shall take effect from the last Sunday in September to the last Sunday in August. 8 votes in favor, and 7 votes opposed.

Voted to accept the Pastors resignation, and that it take effect the last Sunday in August instead of the last Sunday in July.

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Voted That the Committee on Resolutions and Arrangements be chosen by ballot.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Committee on
" Deacon T. Peter Fillam } Resolutions and arrangements
" Miss Bessie Weaverland } & Ecclesiastical Council.

Voted That this Committee report two weeks from last Wednesday evening, at 8,30 o'clock P.M.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until 1 week from next Wednesday evening July 13th 1904. at 8-30 o'clock P.M.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1904. Rev Laird W Snell's Letter of Resignation.

To my friends and fellow workers in the Lord, beloved members of the First Congregational Church of Boxford:

In the conviction that a call has come from my father to enter on another field of labor — a field where great need makes great opportunity — I offer to this church my resignation.

My stay among you, it seems, is to be measured by months instead of years. I can but regret this. Still, if the call to leave is from my Father, then under the Father's guidence the work I here lay down will come into the hands of one who can carry it on, to the up-building of the church and the Kingdom in Boxford, better than I.

If at this time this church can seek its new pastor in a spirit of deep prayer and supplication, with the unanimity of love, as becometh brethren in Christ, in honor preferring one another, laying aside all personal consulcrations and judging solely in this light of the deep spiritual interests at stake for the church and the community, and moved by the single feeling of devotion and faithfulness to Jesus Christ your Master, and to the power of his blessed Gospel in your midst, I shall in the very spirit you thereby manifest find abundant reward for my prayers and endeavors on your be-

half, and ground for the joyful assurance that a rich harvest shall be gathered not many years hence of followers of our blessed Lord from those who know him not.

Though as pastor and pastor's wife we have been privileged to live and labor among you for but this brief term, to leave you comes as deep loss and grief, for our hearts go out to you; you have compelled our love. Through your ready appreciation and sympathy the work of these two years has been to me a work of joy. The quiet and peace of the country parish have wrought the up-building of health for us both, and have made possible the yet larger spiritual gift of marked inward organization and development.

If the message of a Father's love I have tried to bring by life and word had given but a tithe of the help and comfort of which your grateful words have all along assured me, I should know (I should know) I had not labored in vain. For this in deep humility, I thank my Father, and you, my brothers and sisters.

I request you accept my resignation offered thus in obedience to the high call of God; and join with me in a mutual council of sister-churches to advise concerning my ~~resign~~ dismission.

{I suggest that if advisable for the church my resignation take effect the last Sunday of July.}

I entreat you to seek at this time as never before the leading of our heavenly Father, assured that with the spirit of supplication and obedience on your part He will bring you to the living waters of ever larger truth and the green fields of ever truer service

Be assured also that in deep affection and much prayer we both shall be with you in the spirit to the end.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Ghost".

In faithfulness and devotion to our common Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Your pastor,

Laird Wingate Snell

Boxford, June 12, 1907

1904 According to adjournment, the Church held a business meeting in the Chapel on Wednesday evening July 13, 1904.

Meeting was called to order by Deacon Killam at 8 h. 45 m. as the Parish meeting was called at 8 h. 30 m. it was

Voted that the meeting be adjourned until after the Parish meeting is called.

After the Parish meeting was organized the Parish voted to adjourn until the close of the Church meeting.

Meeting was called to order.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed last week relative to the time of our Pastor's resignation taking effect.

Voted That the Pastor be invited to stay until the 25th of September or until such time previous to that date, as the Pastor and Committee shall decide upon.

Voted That a Committee be appointed consisting of the Pastor and the two acting deacons, and two others to be chosen by ballot at this time to report to the church as to the advisability of any change or changes in the Confession of Faith and the Standing Rules.

Chose Mrs. Abbie R. Gage
" Mr. Oliver M. Howe
} Com. to act with Pastor & Deacons to consider the advisability of any change in the Confession of Faith or Standing rule

Voted to accept the Resolutions presented by the Committee which are as follows.

1904 Whereas;

In the Divine Providence, our pastor The Rev. David Wingate Snell, has responded to our Master's call to labor elsewhere.

Resolved,

That we accept his resignation with sincerest regret, realizing fully that it brings to us unspeakable loss, but feeling confident that our Lord and Master has called him to enter upon a wider service.

Resolved,

That we acknowledge with heart felt gratitude his loyal devotion to the church and community, for the best interests of which he has labored with untiring zeal; his tender ministrations to the sick and aged; his loving ministry to the afflicted; his ready sympathy for all; his enthusiastic work among the young which has already borne much fruit; his untiring effort to lead his people to attain the highest ideals of the Christian life for which he has ever stood.

Resolved,

That we recognize as well his rare intellectual and spiritual gifts; his broad outlook; his entire consecration; his clearness of spiritual insight; his absolute sincerity and utter fearlessness in preaching the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus; his able sermons which have furnished the spiritual food needed by his people; the spirit of prayer which pervades his life, which has been a means of spiritual uplift.

As we part with Mr. Snell at the close of a pastorate which we wish might have been measured by years instead of months, we feel keenly the loss of a gifted

1904 preacher, a leader of the finest courage, a loving pastor and a sincere friend; and we pray that God may richly bless his service in the coming years.

Resolved,

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr Snell, and that they be entered upon the Church Record

Bessie Cleareland
Dea. T. P. Killam
Dea. John W. Parkhurst
Committee of the Church.

Voted That the Committee on Resolutions and Council, be the Committee of Supply, which are as follows.

Deacon John W. Parkhurst
Deacon T. Perley Killam
Miss Bessie Cleareland
} Committee of Supply.

Voted to adjourn until next Wednesday evening after the prayer meeting.

A true record
Attest; John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

1904. At an adjourned meeting of the Church held in the Chapel on Wednesday evening after the prayer meeting, July 20th 1904.

The Pastor announced that he had decided to go the last of July, as requested in his Resignation.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Council, which is as follows:

Date of Council for Dismissal of Rev Laird W. Snell Saturday July 30th 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Churches to be invited.

West Boxford Church
Topsfield "
Danvers Center "
Middleton "
Tabernacle Church Salem
Linebrook Church.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk

1904. ## Council to dismiss Rev. Laird Wingate Snell.

In response to letter missive sent forth by the Congregational Church and Society of Botford an ecclesiastical council convened in their house of worship, July 30, 1904 at 2 P.M. The council was called to order and the letter missive read by Rev. Mr. Alcott. The letter stated that Rev. Laird W. Snell had tendered his resignation as pastor of the Church and Society, and requested the Council to examine the facts and advise in the premises.

The organization was completed by the selection of Rev. D. S. Clark as moderator and Rev. Leslie C. Greeley as scribe. The council was lead in prayer by the moderator.

The roll of churches was read with the following result:

Botford, West Pastor, Rev. Charles L. Hubbard
Delegate, A. J. Henley
Middleton, Pastor, Rev. Leslie C. Greeley,
Delegate, Mrs. F. C. Wilkins
Danvers, First, Delegate, Dea. A. S. Hutchinson.
Springfield, Pastor Rev. William G. Parr
Salem, Tabernacle Pastor Rev DeWitt S. Clark
Delegate, Dr. David Choate
Lynbrook, Pastor, Rev. William P. Alcott.

The records of the church and Society in relation to the pastors resignation were read and were deemed satisfactory.

The council voted to approve the resignation of Mr. Snell and the sundering of the pastoral relation.

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark and Dea Alfred Hutchinson were chosen as a committee to present formally the result of the deliberation of the council. The following resolution were presented by the committee and adopted by the council;

1904. In coming to this result we would put on record our sincere appreciation of the able and faithful labors of Mr. Snell in a pastorate where the incitements to ministerial work are not pressing but where his efforts have met with marked appreciation on the part of his people. As a thinker and preacher and pastor he has commended himself to the esteem of all who have known him as the Resolutions adopted by the Church and Parish abundantly confirm, while his brethren in the ministry and the community generally have highly valued his representative Christian example.

We anticipate for him eminent usefulness in the new and important line of work to which he goes and commend him and this Church to His favor who is Head over all things to His people in all the earth.

The records of the Council having been read to this point, the Scribe was authorized to complete them. A closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Kimball after which the council voted that it be dissolved.

DeWitt S. Clark
Moderator

Lulie C. Greeley, Scribe.

A true copy.
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

1904. At a business meeting of the Church held on Wednesday evening August 17th., 1904. after the Prayer meeting.

Deacon Killam was in the Chair.

An informal vote was taken by ballot to see if the Church would extend a call to the Rev. J. Edgar Park. The vote stood 21 in favor and 8 opposed.

Voted to extend a call to the Rev. J. Edgar Park to become our Pastor and Religious teacher. 21 votes in favor. 7 opposed.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Park.

Chose Deacon Parkhurst, Deacon Killam and Miss Bessie Cleaveland, a Committee to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Park and to make arrangements for his Installation if he accepts and the Parish concur

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Rev. J. Edgar Park decided to accept a call from the West Andover Church so nothing further was done.

A true record

Attest: John W. Parkhurst

Church Clerk.

1904. At a Sunday morning service, October 23rd. 1904. Mrs. Annie R. Sage, and Miss Mary N. Clearland were chosen delegates to the Fall Meeting of the Essex South Conference, at the Central Church of Lynn on Wednesday October 26th. 1904.

At a business meeting of the Church held on Wednesday evening after the Prayer meeting. October 26th. 1904. in the Chapel; the following record was made:
Deacon Killam was in the chair.

Voted to take an informal vote in deciding the question of giving a call to Rev. Walter Byron Williams to become our Pastor.

Voted to take this informal vote by a hand vote.

Voted to extend a call to Rev. Walter Byron Williams; eleven votes in favor, and eight opposed. (informal vote)

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

October 19. 1904.

1904. At a Wednesday evening meeting the Committee chosen by the Church July 13, 1904. to Consider the advisability of making any changes in the Confession of Faith, and Standing Rules made their report, which is as follows:

"The Committee do not recommend making any change in the Confession of Faith at this time. They recommend striking out the 4th paragraph in the 3rd Section of the Standing Rules, in regard to signing the Confession of Faith and Covenant."

No action was taken on this report until November 2nd 1904. when it was

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Committee as above.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record,
Attest: John M. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

1904 At a business meeting of the Church, held on Wednesday evening, December 14th 1904. after the Prayer meeting, in the Chapel.

Deacon T. Perley Killam was in the chair.

Voted to accept the verbal report of the Supply Committee in regard to Mr. Walter Byron Williams.

Voted to extend a call to Mr. Walter Byron Williams, to become our Pastor, and religious teacher; (and that this vote be taken by a standing vote. (vote stood 27 in favor, 8 opposed.)

Voted that the Supply Committee, namely; Deacon John W. Parkhurst, Deacon T. Perley Killam and Miss Bessie Clearland be a Committee to communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Williams; and to make arrangements for his Ordination and Installation, in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A true record.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst

Church Clerk.

Mr Walter Byron Williams

Dear Brother

The undersigned on behalf of the First Congregational Church of Boxford Mass And the First Parish connected therewith beg leave respectfully to submit to your consideration the following certified copies of recent votes of that Church and Parish

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church in Boxford on Wednesday evening, December 14 1904 at half-past eight in the Chapel. the following record was made.

Deacon T Perley Killam was in the chair

Voted to extend a call to Mr. Walter Byron Williams to become our Pastor and religious teacher: Carried that this vote be taken by a standing vote (vote stood 27 in favor 8 opposed)

Voted that the Supply Committee, namely. Deacon John W Parkhurst Deacon T. Perley Killam and Miss Bessie Cleveland be a committee to communicate the action of the Church to Mr Williams: and to make arrangements for his Ordination & Installation in case he accepts and the Parish concurs

A true copy of record
T. Perley Killam Chairman
John W. Parkhurst Clerk

At a legal meeting of the First Parish held Dec. 28 1904, it was voted That the Parish concur with the Church in requesting Mr Wallis Bigelow Williams to become their Pastor and religious teacher. (vote stood 13 in favor 5 opposed)

Voted that should he accept our formal invitation the Parish will pay him an annual salary of $800 To be paid in quarterly instalments, and the use of the Parsonage as long as the relation shall continue

Voted That should this invitation be accepted the Pastor be entitled to an annual vacation of Three Sundays.

Voted that H. N. Towne and Chester Killam be a committee to act with the committee of the Church in all procedures made necessary by the above votes

A true copy.

A. B. Peabody Moderator
T. Perley Killam Clerk

Allow us dear Sir, to add to the invitation conveyed in these votes the expression of our earnest hope that you will be able to see clearly that it is the desire of the great heart of the Church that you accept this call and will name an early day for the Ordination and Installation Services.

With Christian salutations,

Yours in the Gospel

(over)

1904

John W. Parkhurst
T. Perley Killam
Bessie Clearland
H. N. Towne
Chester Killam

} Committee of the Church and Parish

Bonded Dec 2: 1907

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk

1905. At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Bedford, held in the Chapel on Wednesday February 1st 1905 at quarter past two in the afternoon the following record was made

The Pastor, Walter Byron Williams, was in the chair.

Record of the last annual meeting and intervening business was read by the Clerk and approved.

Voted that the Chair nominate two persons to collect and count the ballots for the Church officers. he appointed Rev. Albert B. Peabody and Wm. R. Conant.

Chose John W. Parkhurst, Church Clerk.

Chose Daniel W. Conant, Church Treasurer but he declined to serve. Hiram N. Towne was then elected, but he was not present, on being notified he declined to serve.

Voted to approve the action of the Sabbath School in their choice of John W. Parkhurst as Superintendent for 1905.

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Church Treasurer which is as follows:

Report of the Treasurer.

Seamans Friend Society	$ 4.93
Cong. Sunday School and Publishing Society	7.82
Foreign Missions	46.56
American Missionary Association	49.67
Home Missionary Society	25.16
Education Society	11.94
Church Building Society	11.11
The Ladies Auxiliary to the Womans Bd. of Missions	20.50
	$ 177.69

(over.

1905 Church Expenses

Treasurers report continued from previous page

Christmas Tree

Balance on hand Jan. 1 1904	3.81
Rcaired by Collections	13.23
	17.04

Paid J. Frank Waters Conference dues and Bd. of Pastoral Supply for 1903. 7.26
Paid West Peabody Church Building Fund 3.00
Paid J. Perley Killam for Communion Supplies 3.30
Paid J. Frank Waters Conference dues 3.48
17.04

Daniel W. Conant Treas.

Boxford Jan 25, 1905.

Voted to accept the report of the Supt. of the Sabbath School. which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the first Congl Church, Boxford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31st 1904.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt. John W. Parkhurst.
Asst. Supt. George A. Gould.
Secretary & Treasurer, Miss Irma E. Beane.
Librarian, Miss Etta Frye.
Library Committee { Mrs. J. Perley Killam
Miss Florance Jones
Miss Lucie Peabody

In July, Miss Irma E. Beane, resigned her office as Secretary & Treasurer, and Miss Agnes M. Plumer was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Children's day, June 12th was observed by the School. In August the School enjoyed a picnic and trolley ride

1905 to Plum Island. And on Christmas eve, a concert and Christmas tree; at which time Mrs. Hannah Santa Claus made her first appearance in Boxford.

December 25th the School reelected the same officers.

Money received.

Jan. 1, 1904. Bal. in treasury	$ 36,84
Regular collection	74,61
Special coll. Fresh Air Fund	7,00
" " Boston's Poor	5,17
Little Wanderers	2,00
Total	12562

Money expended

Home expenses	$ 14,46
Sent to India	20,00
Hampton Institute, Virginia	45,00
Mass. S.S. Association	2,25
Fresh Air Fund	7,00
Armenian Relief Fund	25,00
Boston's Poor	5,17
Little Wanderers	2,00
Total expended	$ 120,88
Leaving a Bal. in treasury	4,74

The school had an enrolled membership of 87: 7 officers, 9 teachers and 74 scholars. Average attendance 55 45/46 there were 46 sessions of the school during the year.

Eleven members of the school have united with the Church the past year.

While one has been called to her final reward.

I wish to thank the officers and Teachers for the faithful manner in which they have labored for the good

1905 of the School; and for the hearty support which they have given me as Superintendent.

Let us feel encouraged, by the record of the past year: but let us not be satisfied; let us take for our motto, the Golden text of last Sundays lesson: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it"

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst
Supt.

Botford Jan. 25th 1905.

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the standing committee for Church Benevolences for the year, which is as follows:
January, Seamens Aid Society.
Febmaly, S.S. and Pub. Soriely.
March, April & May, Foreign Missions.
June, July & August, American Missionary Association.
September & October, Home Missions.
November, Educational Society.
December, Church Building Society.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Mary and Caroline Pealody Fund, which ~~is~~ are as follows:

Jan. 25, 1905. Report of Caroline Pealody Fund.

Balance on hand Mar. 21 1904	12,58	
Interest still in Saving Bank	17,50	
	30,08	30,08
Paid for Supplement to Library		
Catalogue	1,75	
Paid for Express	15	
Paid for Roadlooks for 1905	1,25	
		3,15
Respectfully submitted J. P. Killam Treas.	Bal.	26,93

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Report of Mary Ann Peabody Fund Jan. 23 1905

Balance on hand Mar. 21 1904		,80
Interest rec. from Savings Bank		35,30
		36,10
Paid for Books	35,09	
Paid for Express	,30	
	35,39	35,39
Bal.		,71

Respectfully Submitted

T. P. Killam

Treas.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee of Arrangements for the Ordination and Installation of the Rev Walter Byron Williams which is as follows:

That the Ordination and Installation services shall take place on Wednesday March 1st 1905. and that the following Churches and Individuals be invited to attend. viz:

West Andover Church.
Lawrence St. Church, Lawrence.
Crombie St. Church, Salem.
Tabernacle Church, Salem.
Billerica Church.
Middleton Church.
Topsfield Church.
Maple St. Church, Danvers.
First Church, Danvers.
Linebrook Church,
West Boxford
First Church, Georgetown.
Memorial Church, Georgetown.
East Weymouth Church.
Magnolia Church

1865 Prof. J. W. Platner, Andover Seminary
Pro. E. L. Hincks
Pro. Horace E. Palmer, Harvard University
Rev. Peter C. Grant, Newport, N. H.
Rev. Laird Wingate Snell, New York

Rev. Frederick Palmer, Christ Church, Andover ~~Invited as Guest of the Church~~ To sit with Council.

Voted to adopt the same method as was used last year, relative to taking the collections for benevolent objects, by the envelope system.

Voted that the same ladies, as served last year, be the ones to canvas the Parish relative to pledges for Benevolent contributions.

Voted that the Ladies Auxiliary, choose a member of the above committee to fill the place made vacant by the removal of Mrs. Snell.

The roll was called ~~as read~~ by the Clerk.

Voted to adjourn.

1905. Acceptance of Call to Waller Byron Williams.

To the First Congregational Church and Parish in Boxford, Mass. Greeting;

Though a joint committee representing the First Congregational Church of Boxford, Mass. and the First Parish connected therewith a call has come to me to become the Pastor and religious teacher of this church.

In ~~as much~~ as this calling seems to me to come not only from this church and parish but also from our Heavenly Father I do now accept it, and on this first day of the new year, the nineteen-hundred and fifth since the advent of our Lord, enter we into the relation of pastor and people.

When God calls his servants to work in his vineyard he calls them not to please themselves, but to do his will and build up his kingdom.

I take this as an opportunity not for myself, but for you; and I hope and pray that my work in this place may result in your increasing in numbers, in faith, and in the love and grace of God.

I come to you knowing that the main forces of good for the community reside not in me but in you. It shall be my endeavor with the help of God to rouse and keep active these forces. Your pastor will have need of your prayerful and willing cooperation in all the active work of the church; and when souls are to be saved and the cause of Christ furthered he will not hesitate to call upon any or all of you for assistance.

I trust that in our work we may have a mutual regard and sympathy, and that dissensions, factions, and controversies shall be words

1905. unrealized among us. The work of God progresses best where peace and union and loving helpfulness obtain.

It shall be my endeavor to conduct myself in such a manner that no one among you shall have occasion to call me enemy, but that I shall be a friend to all.

I beg that your prayers may be offered constantly that my thoughts and labors may be ever not for myself but for the Crucified. By Jesus only can we be saved from the imminent spiritual dangers that surround us, and your most sympathetic and prayerful assistance will be required to lead souls to accept of this salvation. Let us trust that the Lord of hosts will be with us in this warfare, to lend us the strength of his presence, that many may be brought in.

I thank my God that he has called me to his ministry and that he has cast my lot in such a pleasant place.

And I am very grateful to this people for calling me to its leadership. May the Lord be with us in all that we do; may he bless us and keep us, and cause his face to shine upon us; and in his vineyard may he employ us for much service that shall redound to his glory.

Walter Byron Williams

Jan 1st 1905.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1905 Ordination and Installation of Walter Byron Williams.

Pursuant to letters missive an ecclesiastical council was convened in the First Congregational Church of Bedford Massachusetts on the first day of March 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to examine Mr. Walter Byron Williams with reference to his fitness to be ordained and installed as pastor of said church The Council organized by the choice of Rev. DeWitt S. Clark of Salem as Moderator and Frederick J. Libby of Magnolia as Scribe. Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll of the churches and individuals invited to participate being read, the following were found to be present:-

Lawrence Street Church, Lawrence,
R. H. Tewksbury, delegate.

Memorial Church, Georgetown,
Dea. S. W. Bailey, delegate.

First Cong. Church, Georgetown,
Not represented.

Tabernacle Church, Salem
Rev. DeWitt S. Clark D.D. pastor and Dea. Ezra L. Woodbury delegate.

Crombie Street Church, Salem,
Rev. Adolph A. Berle D.D. pastor.

First Cong. Church, Danvers,
Rev. H. C. Adams pastor and C. A. H. Grover delegate.

Maple Street Church, Danvers,
Rev. R. A. McFadden pastor and Dea. S. L. Sawyer delegate.

First Cong. Church, East Weymouth,
Rev. C. L. Bradford pastor and J. N. Colby delegate.

Cong. Church, West Bedford
Rev. Charles L. Hubbard pastor and W. H. Anderson delegate

nor

1905. Cong. Church. Topsfield,
Rev. W^m F. Poor pastor and Edwin S. Clifford delegate.
Cong. Church. Billerica,
Rev. J. H. Dale pastor and Sydney A. Bull delegate.
Cong. Church, Middleton.
John W. Dempsey delegate
Cong. Church, West Andover,
Rev. L. E. Park pastor and Dea. Edw^r Abbott delegate.
Cong. Church, Lineb[illegible]rook.
Mrs. J. H. Tenney delegate.
Cong. Church. Magnolia
Frederick L. Libby pastor.
Prof. E. Y. Kimpes Andover Seminary.
Prof. F. W. Platner. " "
Rev. P. C. Grant, Newport, N. H.
Letters read from Prof. Geo. H. Palmer of Harvard University and Rev. Frederick Palmer of Christ Church, Andover were read.

The records of the church and parish pertaining to the call of Mr. Williams and his letter of acceptance were read by the clerk and they were voted satisfactory.

A paper containing a sketch of his life, religious experience and religious belief was then read by the candidate. His statement of religious experience was voted satisfactory and the role of the council was then called for the purpose of examining him with respect to his religious belief.

Credentials of membership in the First Congregational Church in Natick, Massachusetts and proofs of graduation from the University of Vermont and Andover Seminary were presented by the candidate and the Council then voted to be by itself.

1905 In private session the roll of the council being called it was voted unanimously to dispense the examination of Mr. Williams and to proceed to the ordination and installation service. A committee of three appointed by the Moderator to make such arrangements as were necessary reported the following order of service:

Order of Services.

Organ Prelude.
Invocation Rev. John Harold Dale.
Doxology
Reading of the Records of the Council by the Scribe.
Hymn No. 191.
Scripture, 2 Cor. 4. Rev. Peter C. Grant.
Prayer Frederick J. Libby
Anthem, - "Praise ye the Father",
Sermon Prof. John Wintling Platner.
Hymn No. 757.
Ordaining and Installing Prayer Rev. DeWitt S. Clark.
Anthem, "God is able to make all grace."
Charge to the Pastor, Prof. E. Y. Hincks.
Charge to the People, Rev. Adolph A. Berle.
Right hand of fellowship, Rev. William E. Pore.
Hymn No. 300.
Benediction by the Pastor.
Postlude.

It was voted to authorize the Scribe to complete the minutes and the Council adjourned to reassemble at two o'clock for the public exercises at the close of which it is declared dissolved. DeWitt S. Clark, Moderator.

Boston, Massachusetts.
March 1, 1905

Frederick J. Libby Scribe

A true copy
Attest: John W. Pasthead
Church Clerk.

1905. At a Wednesday evening meeting held March 29, 1905. Miss Mary Ellen Perley was chosen Church Treasurer.

At a Sunday morning service May 7th 1905. Deacon T Perley Killam and Rev. Albert B. Peabody were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference to be held at the First Congl. Church Danvers, Mass. May 10, 1905.

At a Sunday morning service May 14th 1905, John W. Parkhurst was chosen delegate to attend the General Associat of the Congl. Churches of Massachusetts, One hundred and third Annual meeting, held with the Eliot Church in Lowell, Mass. May 16, 17, 18 1905.

At a Sunday morning service Sept. 24th 1905. Rev. Albert B. Peabody was chosen delegate to attend the council to dismiss the Rev. Charles L. Hubbard, at the Church in the West Parish Bofford, Sept. 26, 1905.

At a Sunday morning Oct. 8. 905 service, Deacon T. Perley Killam, and Miss Mary K. Brenner were chosen delegates to attend the Fall meeting of the Essex South Conference to be held at the Washington St. Church, Beverly October 11th 1905.

At a Sunday morning service, Jan. 7. 1906. Mrs. Martha E. (Stearns) Northmer, was admitted to this Church, by a letter of recommendation from the Baptist Church of Winchendon, Mass. also the infant son of Mr and Mrs. William R. Conant, (Stanley Hale Conant) was Baptised.

1906 At the Annual Business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, Mass. held in its Chapel on Wednesday January 17th. 1906. at half past two in the afternoon, the following record was made.

The Pastor Rev Walter Byron Williams was in the chair. Record of the last annual meeting and intervening business was read by the Clerk and approved.

Voted to accept the report of the ~~report of the~~ Church Treasurer which is as follows:

April 30.	Received of Former Treasurer for Church Expenses,		$3,32
" "	" " "	" American Board	5,04
" "	" " "	" S.S. & Publishing Soc.	4,04
" "	" " "	" Seaman's Friend Soc.	5,48
		Total	$17,88
April 30.	Received Contribution for	American Board	11,30
May 28.	" "	" " "	18,67
" "	" "	" Church Expenses	2,00
June 25.	" "	" American Miss. Association.	10,48
July 30.	" "	" " " "	6,45
Aug. 27.	" "	" " " "	13,48
Sept. 24	" "	" Home Missions.	13,60
Oct. 29	" "	" " "	20.81
Nov. 12	" "	" " "	16,00
" 26	" "	" Congl. Educational Society	5.86
Dec. 24	" "	" Hampton School	6,72
" 31	" "	" Church Building Society	5,40
	Total Amt. beginning with April 30.		$148,65

(see over)

1906	Paid Contributions, to American Board,	35,01
	" " " S.S. & Publishing Society	4,04
	" " " Seamens Friend Society	5,48
	" " " American Miss. Association	30,41
	" " " Home Missions	50,41
	" " " Congl. Educational Society	5,86
	" " " Hampton School,	6,72
	" " " Church Building Society	5,40
	" for Blank Book	,20
	" " Money Orders, Postage and Registration Fee	1,28
	" Rev. W. Byron Williams Cash paid for Collection Envelopes	1,25
	" Dea. T. Perley Killam Cash paid for Communion Supplies	2,20
	Total	148,26
	Dec. 31 Cash on hand for Church Expenses	0,39
	Final Total.	148,65

Mary Ellen Perley, Treasurer.

Voted to accept the Report of the Supt. of the Sunday School, which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the 1st Congl. Church of Botford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt., John W. Parkhurst.
Asst. Supt., George A. Gould.
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Agnes M. Plummer
Librarian, Miss Etta Frye.
Library Committee { Mrs. T. Perley Killam
Miss Florence Jones
Miss Lucie Peabody

1906 June 4th Miss Plumer resigned her position as Secretary & Treasurer, and Miss Grace Perley was elected to fill the vacancy; Miss Perley resigned the first of September and Miss Florence M. Averill was chosen to succeed her.

Children's day June 11th, was observed by the school. The School enjoyed a Picnic at the Bluffs, via. Ipswich River.

On Saturday evening Dec. 23 an entertainment was given by the School, followed by a Christmas tree.

The school has an enrolled membership of 70: 4 Officers, 9 Teachers, 17 Scholars.

Average attendance 55 12/51. There were 51 sessions of the School.

Money received

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1,	$ 4,74
Whole amt. received	101,54
Total	$ 106,28

Money expended

Home expenses	23,74
S.S. & Pub. Society	6,59
American relief fund	25,00
Fresh Air Fund	4,74
Mass. S.S. Ass.	5,00
Work in India	25,00
Home Missionary Society	10,00
Balance in treasury	6,21
	$ 106,28

On Dec. 31st the following officers were elected.

Supt., John H. Parkhurst.
Asst. Supt., George A. Gould.
Sec. & Treas., Miss Florence M. Averill
Librarian, Miss Lucy K. Allam

1906

Library Com. { Miss Florence James
Mrs. T. Perley Killam
Miss Lucie Peabody.

In August, the School suffered the loss of one of its Teachers, by death, Mrs. A. B. Peabody.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst,
Supt.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.

Chose Miss Mary E. Perley } Church Treasurer.

Voted to approve the action of the Sabbath School in the choice of John W. Parkhurst as Supt. for 1906.

Chose Joseph H. James } Deacon for 5 years.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Deacon for 5 years.

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Standing committee for church Benevolences for the year 1906, which is as follows:

January, Seamen's Aid Society
February, Ministerial Aid Society
March, June and July, Am. Board of Foreign Missions
April, Church Building Society.
May and October, American Missionary Association.
August and September, Home Missionary Society.
November, Educational Society.
December, Hampton.

1906

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody fund, which is as follows:

Botford. Jan. 17, 1906.

Report of the Mary Ann Peabody Fund for the year ending Jan. 17, 1906.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1905	.71
Rec from Saving Bank	35,30
	36,01
Paid for Books for Sunday School	27,20
Bal on hand	8,81

T. P. Killam
Treas.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Caroline Peabody fund, which is as follows:

Botford, Jan. 17, 1906.

Report of the Caroline Peabody Fund for the year ending Jan. 17, 1906.

Balance on hand Jan 1 1905		9,43
Rec. Interest from Bank		9,00
		18,43
Paid for S. S. Papers	6,00	
" " Stationary & Postage	2,50	
" Geo. A. Gould Bal. of Picnic money	4,20	
" Rev. W. B. Williams for entertainment	2,50	
" for Handbooks	,92	
" " Library supplies	,77	
	16,89	
Money Rec		18,43
Money Paid out		16,89
Bal.		1,54

Over

1906 There is still interest remaining in the Saving Bank
26,82
Total 28,36
T.P. Killam Treas.

Voted that we continue with the envelope system in our Benevolent contributions

Voted that Mrs Berry, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Towne., Miss Mary N. Clearland, Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Wm. B. Howe serve as the Committee to distribute the Envelope

Voted that we purchase new singing books for our evening service.

Voted that a Committee be appointed to purchase new singing books for the evening service.

Voted that a Committee of three, including the Pastor be appointed by the Chair to act as the above Committee

Voted that the whole amount of the Conference tax and Pastoral supply, $7,74 be paid this year.

Roll was called by the Clerk.

Closed by singing Hymn No. 142. "Nearer my God to thee".

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1906 At a Sunday morning service September 9th 1906. Deacon John W. Parkhurst was chosen delegate, to attend the Council to Install the Rev. F. Arthur Sanborn as Pastor of the 2nd Congl. Church in Bedford, at their Church in the West Parish, on Wednesday September 12th 1906. at 10 o'clock A. M.

At a Sunday morning service, October 21, 1906. Mrs. Abbie R. Gage was chosen delegate, to attend the Council to Install the Rev. Will Arthur Dietrick as Pastor of the South Congregational Church of Peabody, Mass. at their Church in Peabody on Thursday, Oct. 25th 1906. at 4 o'clock P. M.

At a Sunday morning service, November 4, 1906 Dea. J. Perley Pillsbury was chosen delegate, to attend the Council to Ordain Elliott Leonard Moses at the Congregational Church in Middleton, Mass. on Tuesday, November 13th 1906, at 4 o'clock P. M.

At a Sunday morning service, December 2, 1906. A letter of Dismission ~~and~~ from this Church, and a letter of recommendation to the Calvary Baptist Church of Andover, Mass. was granted to Miss Edna P. Todd; her letter asking to be dismissed having been read the Sunday previous.

1906 On Saturday evening Dec. 29, 1906. at the Parsonage, Mrs. Ada Mae Williams, Miss Irma E. Beane, Miss Lucy Jessie Killam and Miss Edith Elizabeth Burch were examined by the Standing Committee.

Their names were propounded Sunday morning. Dec. 30, 1906.

They were all voted in at the Preparatory Lecture Saturday evening January 5, 1907.

Sunday morning Jan. 6, 1907. they were all admitted upon Confession of faith; Mrs. Williams and Miss Beane receiving the Sacrament of Baptism into the fellowship of this Church.

At a Sunday morning service, December 30. 1906. A letter of dismission from this Church, and a letter of recommendation to the Congl. Church of Topsfield, Mass. was granted to Mrs. Attie P. Lake Elliott

To the First Congregational Church of Boston, Mass.

This Certifies that Mrs. Attie L. Elliott, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the Sixth day of January A. D. 1907, united into the membership of the Congregational Church of Topsfield Mass.

Attest- L. Porter Hood, Clerk.

Jan. 7, 1907.

A true copy.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst.

Church Clerk

1907. At the Annual Business Meeting of the 1st Congl Church of Bedford, Mass. held in the Chapel on Wednesday January 16. 1907 at half past two in the afternoon, the following record was made.

The Pastor was in the Chair.

Rev. Albert B Peabody opened the meeting with prayer.

Voted to approve the records of the last Annual Business meeting, and intervening business as read by the Clerk.

Chose John H. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.
Voted that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a Church Treasurer
Chose Miss Lucie A. Peabody } Church Treasurer.

Voted to approve the action of the Sabbath School in the choice of John H. Parkhurst as Superintendent for 1907.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer, which is as follows:

Cash on hand for Church Expenses January 1906	$ 0.37
Received for Church Expenses during the year	182.56
" " Envelope Systems during the year.	109.81
Total	$ 182.93
Paid for Postage, Stationery, Money orders &c.	2.11
" Conference Tax.	7.74
" Rev. Millam's back paid for Communion Supplies	2.85
" Contribution to Seaman's Friend Society	5.04
" " " Japan Relief Fund	3.33
" " " Ministerial Aid "	4.76
" " " Church Building Society	7.85
carried forward	33.52

1907. (brought forward) 39.52

Paid Contribution to- American Board 49.79

" " " American Missionary Association 14.41

" " " Home Missionary Society 21.90

" " " Home for Little Wanderers 35.64

" " " Congregational Education Society 7.93

" " " Hampton Institute. 8.40

Cash on hand for Church Expenses Jan 1, 1907. 5.34

$182.93

The Conference Tax of $7.62 for 1906 is still due.

Mary Ellen Perley, Treasurer.

Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt., John W. Parkhurst.

Asst. Supt., George A. Gould.

Secretary & Treasurer, Miss Florence M. Averill.

Librarian, Miss Lucy J. Killam.

Library Committee { Miss Florence Jones, Mrs. J. Perley Killam, Miss Lucie Peabody.

Children's Sunday [redacted]0, the School gave a concert in the forenoon.

This year the School went on its annual Picnic to Salisbury Beach by way of the Merrimack river from Haverhill.

Monday evening Dec. 24, the School enjoyed

1907. a fine Christmas tree.

The number enrolled in the School at the close of the year were 80. - 7 Officers, 12 Teachers and 64 Scholars.

The average attendance was 53.51

The School held 47 sessions during the year.

The following is the amount received and expended in the School.

Received

Balance in the Treasury Jan. 1, 1906.	6.21
Childrens day offering	8.57
Boston Floating Hospital	5.06
Received for Charities	8.57
Class Contributions	93.37
Total received	$ 121.78

Expended

Home expenses	26.84
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society	8.57
Fresh Air fund	4.85
American Board	25.00
India	5.00
Boston Floating Hospital	5.06
Home Missionary Society	25.00
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1907.	21.46
	$ 121.78 $ 121.78

Respectfully submitted.
John W. Parkhurst.
Superintendent.

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Standing Committee on Church Benevolences, for the year 1907, which is as follows: (see next page)

1907. January, Ministerial Aid.
February, Church Building Society.
March, American Missionary Association.
April, American Board of Foreign Missions.
May, " " " " "
June, " " " " "
July, American Missionary Association.
August, Home Missionary Society.
September, " " "
October, " " "
November, Congl. Educational Society.
December, American Missionary Association.

Voted That we continue with the Envelope system in our Benevolent Contributions, and that it be left with the Standing Committee whether we use the new double envelope or not.

Voted That the same Ladies, serve as a Committee to distribute the Envelopes as served last year. namely: Mrs. Horace Berry, Mrs. F. J. Stevens, Mrs. Hiram N. Towne Miss Mary N. Cleaveland, Mrs Silas Locke, and Mrs. W.m B. Howe.

Voted That the Committee solicit pledges from those to whom they distribute envelopes.

Voted to accept the reports of the Treasurer of the Mary H. Peabody, and Caroline E. Peabody Funds as follows:

Report of Caroline E. Peabody Fund for the year ending Jan. 1, 1907.

(see next page.)

1907. Balance on hand Jan. 12, 1906. 1.54
Rec. from Savings Bank 32.00
33.54

Paid for Cat. Supplement 1.89
" " S.S. Papers 6.08
" " Blackboard 9.00
" " Hymbooks 6.25
" " Hymboard 9.00
32.22

Bal on hand Jan. 1 1907. " 1.32

J. P. Killam Treas.

Report of the Mary Ann Peabody S.S. Library Fund for the year end Jan. 1. 1907.

Bal on hand Jan. 12. 1906. 8.81

No expense

Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1907. 8.81

J. P. Killam Treas.

Roll was called by the Clerk.

Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

A true record
Attest. John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

1907 At a Sunday morning service. April 28. 1907. a letter was read from the 1st Congl. Church of Natick, Mass. granting dismission to the Rev: Walter Byron Williams, and recommending him to the fellowship of this Church.

On the following Sunday May 5, 1907. he was received into the fellowship of this Church, by a vote of the Church.

At a Sunday morning service. June 16. 1907. a letter from Mrs. Carrie M. (Conant) Bruce, asking to be dismissed from this Church and recommended to the 1st Congregational Church of Gardner, Mass. was brought before the Church.

This letter was acted upon the following Sunday June 23, 1907. at which time it was voted to grant her request.

To the First Congregational Church of Boford

This Certifies that Miss Edna P. Todd recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the 27th day of April A.D. 1907, received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Andover.

Attest Warren L. Johnson Clerk.

Sent Aug 14th 1907.

A true copy

Attest: John H. Parkhurst,

~~Town~~ Clerk.

Know all men by these Presents,
that I Lewis Kennedy Morse of Botford, County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executor under the will of Emily J. Palmer in accordance with the bequest in her will making a gift of her pew to the Church, do deed and convey to Walter B. Williams, Pastor, T. Perley Killam and John W. Parkhurst, Standing Committee of said Church one pew, No Forty-six (46) in the First Parish Church in the said Town of Botford, to them, their successors and assigns forever.

To have and to hold, for its use, subject to the By Laws of the Corporation and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In witness whereof, I hereby set my hand and seal this Twenty seventh day of July, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and seven.

Lewis Kennedy Morse (L.S.)
Executor under will
of Emily J. Palmer

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk

1907. Know all men by these presents, That we Walter B. Williams, T. Perley Killam and John W. Parkhurst, Standing Committee of the First Parish Church of Botford, County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sum of Forty ($40.00) dollars, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do deed and convey to Bertha Palmer Lane, one pew; No. 46, in the First Parish Church in the said Town of Botford, to her heirs and assigns forever.

To Have And To Hold for her use subject to the By Laws of the Corporation, and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Witness Whereof, we hereby set our hands and Seals this twenty-ninth day of July, A.D. One thousand nine hundred and seven.

Walter B. Williams (L.S.)

T. Perley Killam (L.S.)

John W. Parkhurst (L.S.)

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1907. To the First Congregational Church of Gardner

This certifies that Mrs Carrie M. (Comant) Bruce, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was on the 7th day of July A.D. 1907 received into the membership of the First Congregational Church of Gardner.

Attest Chas E Brooks
Clerk

Sept. 5th. 1907.

A true copy.
Attest: John W. Parkhurst, Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service Sept. 15th 1907. it was voted that the money received from the sale of the pew, given ~~by Miss Palmer~~ to the church by Miss Palmer be added to the Ministerial Fund of the First Parish Society

Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service Sunday Sept. 29th 1907. Rev. Albert B. Peabody and Deacon F. Perley Killam were chosen delegates to the Essex South Conference at the Maple St. Church Danvers, October 2nd 1907.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Clerk

1907. Boston. Oct. 24, 1907.

{ Rev. W. Byron Williams
J. W. Parkhurst
T. Perley Killam } for Botford First Congl. Church

Bought of

Henry F. Miller & Sons Piano Company.

395 Boylston Street,

(Between Arlington and Berkeley Sts)

Style 77 Mah 7⅓ Octave Pianoforte No. 38044
with bench to match. canton flannel cover
delivered in Chapel. Tuning free for 1 year.
Special price to Church. $325.00

Received Payment.
Henry F. Miller & Sons Piano Co.,
Per Oct 30/1907

Piano No. 38044 of our manufacture is warranted
for 5 years against any defect in the manufacture.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

At a Wednesday evening meeting, Dec. 11, 1907.
a letter from Miss Alice Peabody Cleaveland, asking
to be dismissed from this Church, and recommended
to the Old South Congregational Church of Boston,
Mass. was brought before the Church.

This letter was acted upon at the prayer
meeting held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, 1907.
At which time it was voted to grant her request.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1907. On Friday evening Dec. 27. 1907. at the Parsonage. Miss Edith May Mortimer, Miss Amy Gertrude Parkhurst, Miss Ethel Annie Mortimer, Arthur Arvin Spaulding ~~and Mrs. Ruthenia Beane~~ were examined by the Standing Committee. Their names with Mrs. Ruthenia J. Beane were presented, Sunday morning December 29. 1907.

At the Preparatory Lecture, Wednesday evening January 1st 1908 it was voted to receive them into the fellowship of this Church. there not being a quorum present, it was voted at the Sunday morning service January 5, 1908 to confirm the action of the Church at the Preparatory Lecture in receiving them into this Church.

At which time they were all, (with the exception of Mrs. Ruthenia J. Beane, who was detained by illness.) admitted upon confession of faith into the fellowship of this Church.

Edith May Mortimer, Ethel Annie Mortimer and Arthur Arvin Spaulding, receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Clerk.

To the First Congregational Church in Bedford, Mass.

This Certifies that Alice Peabody Cleaveland, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was on the third day of January, A.D. 1908. received into the membership of the Old South Church in Boston.

Attest: J. Converse Gray Clerk.

Boston, Janu. 4th 1908. A true copy Attest: John W. Parkhurst, Clerk.

1908 At the annual business meeting of the 1st Congl Church of Bedford, Mass. held in the Chapel on Wednesday January 22nd 1908, at three o'clock in the afternoon the following record was made.

The Pastor was in the Chair.

Meeting was opened by singing hymn 189 (Endeavor hymnal)

Prayer was offered by Pastor.

Voted to approve the records of the last annual business meeting, and intervening business as read by the Clerk.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.

Chose Miss Lucie A. Peabody } Church Treasurer.

Voted to approve the action of the Sunday School in the choice of John W. Parkhurst as Superintendent for 1908.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer which is as follows:

Report for 1907

Balance on hand Jan. 16		$5.34
Recd. for Ch. Treas'r		11.70
		17.04
Paid Conference dues for 1906	7.62	
" " " " 1907	7.44	
" for money orders & stamps	1.13	
	16.19	
Balance in Treas.'r	.85	

1908	Recd. for Ministerial Aid Soc'y	$ 5.60
	" " Ch. Building Soc'y	10.35
	" " Am. Miss'y Assoc.	39.15
	" " Famine sufferers in China	10.60
	" " " " " Russia	8.80
	" " American Board	47.47
	" " Cong.al Home Miss'y Soc'y	37.75
	" " Educational Soc'y	12.51
	total	170.23

Lucie A. Peabody
Treas.

Voted To accept the report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt. John W. Parkhurst
Asst. Supt. George A. Gould
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Florence M. Averill.
Librarian, Miss Lucy J. Killam.
Library Committee { Mrs. T. P. Killam. / Miss Lucie A. Peabody. / Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Children's Sunday June 9th was observed, by the School giving a concert in the forenoon.

The annual Picnic was held at Winthrop Point, Lowe's Pond, and all that went attended seemed to enjoy themselves. A Christmas tree and Entertainment

1908 was enjoyed by the School on Christmas eve.

The number enrolled in the school at the close of the year were 80.

The following is the amount received and expended by the School

Bal. in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1907.	$ 21.46
Children's day Offering for Picnic expenses	8.63
Received for Quarterlies	10.11
Class Contributions	95.59
	$ 135.79

Expended

Home expenses	$ 28.94
Mass. S.S. Association	2.50
Hampton College	25.00
Dr. Grenfell	5.00
American Board	15.00
Mr. Miller in India	10.00
Home Missionary Society	15.00
Rev. R. R. Kendall	15.00
Boston Poor, Thanksgiving dinner	5.42
Balance in Treasury	13.93
	$ 135.79

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst.
Superintendent.

Voted to adopt the report of the Standing Committee on Church Benevolences for the year 1908, which is as follows:

February, Ministerial Aid.
March, July and August, Home Missionary Society.

1908

April, June and September, American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.
May, October and November, American Missionary Society.
December, Congregational Education Society.
January 1909, Ministerial Aid.

Voted to accept the reports of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody and Caroline E. Peabody funds, which are as follows:

Jan. 22 1908

Report of the Mary Ann Peabody library fund

Bal on hand Jan 1 1907		8.81
Rec from Saving Bank		76.35
Amt of int. in Bank		2.17
		87.33
Paid for Books & express	82.53	
Bal	4.80	
	87.33	

Respectfully submitted
F. P. Killam Treas.

Jan 22 1908

Report of the Caroline E. Peabody fund

Bal. on hand Jan 1		1.32
Rec from Saving Bank		22.00
		23.32
Amount of interest in bank		12.26
		35.58
Paid for Hand books	2.23	
Catalogue supplement	1.75	
Carried forward	3.98	

1908	brought forward	3.98	35.58
	S.S. Papers	6.08	
	Freight on books	.74	
	Easter & Childrens day exercises	4.75	
	Supplies	1.40	
		16.95	
	Bal	18.63	
		35.58	

Respectfully T. P. Killam Treas.

Voted that the same system of Envelopes and pledges be adopted as last year.

Voted that the same Ladies, with the exception of Mrs. Stevens be asked to serve this year as served last year, in the distribution of the Envelopes

Chose Miss Grace S. Peabody to fill Mrs. Stevens place, (Mrs. Stevens being ill,) the Committee stands as follows:

Mrs. Horace Berry, Miss Grace S. Peabody, Mrs. Hiram N. Town Miss Mary N. Clearland, Mrs. Silas M. Locke and Mrs. William B. Howe.

Roll was called by the Clerk

Hymn 188 (Endeavor Hymnal) was sung.

Pastor closed the meeting with Prayer and the Benediction.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1908

At a Sunday morning service May 3. 1908. Mrs. Ruthenia S. Beane was received into the fellowship of this Church by Baptism and Confession. her name having been acted on Jan. 5. 1908.

At a Sunday morning service. May 10, 1908. Mr. Hiram N. Towne and Mrs. Attie R. Gage were chosen delegates to the Spring meeting of the Essex South Conference to be held at the First Congl. Church Boxford, on Thursday, May 14, 1908.

The Spring meeting of the Essex South Conference was held at this Church on Thursday May 14, 1908. Forenoon and Afternoon.

At a Sunday morning service August 23, 1908. a letter from the 1st Congl. Church of Carthage, Missouri was read, granting dismission to Mrs. Annie E. Black, and recommending her to the fellowship of this Church.

On Sunday morning, September 6th 1908. it was voted to receive her into the fellowship of this Church.

1908

Resignation of Rev. Walter Byron Williams

To the First Congregational Church and the First Congregational Parish of Boxford, Massachusetts

Greeting:

Inasmuch as an unusual opportunity has come to me to take up advanced study through the year,

I respectfully tender my resignation as Pastor of the Church and Parish, the same to take effect the first day of next November.

I would request that you hold meetings at your early convenience to take action upon this resignation and also that you submit your action with this communication to a Congregational Council called according to the usage of the denomination.

It is with deep regret that I contemplate breaking the very pleasant and harmonious relations that have existed between us as a people and pastor, and only a call to make better preparations for the service of our common Master prevails upon me to do so.

Praying that the Heavenly Father will continue his blessings to this community in and through this Church, I remain,

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Walter Byron Williams.

Boxford, Massachusetts, Sept. 20th 1908.

1908. At a Business meeting of the Church held on Wednesday evening October 7th 1908. the following record was made.

Deacon Killam was in the chair.

The Pastor's resignation was read by the Chairman

A motion to accept the Pastor's resignation was passed in the negative.

Voted to reconsider the last vote.

Voted to accept the Pastor's resignation.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to confer with Mr. Williams and make arrangements for the Council for his dismission.

Voted that this committee be nominated from the floor.

Chose John W. Parkhurst.
" Deacon T. Perley Killam.
" Miss Bessie Clearland

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to draw up Resolutions.

Chose Miss Mary Sawyer.
" Mrs. Hollie R. Gage.
" Mr. Chester Killam } Committee on Resolutions

Voted that this Committee report two weeks from tonight after the Prayer meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting.

A true record
Attest: John W. Parkhurst, Cl. Clerk.

1908 At a business meeting of the Church held on Wednesday evening October 21st, 1908. after the Prayer meeting the following record was made.

Deacon J. Perley Killam was in the Chair.

Voted that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be accepted. which is as follows:

Resolutions. Whereas.

The larger opportunity for usefulness opened to him has led our pastor to sunder his official relation with this church.

Resolved:

That in parting with Mr. Williams the church loses a faithful pastor, a preacher of ability and promise, a scholar whose systematic study & research has been an uninterrupted part of his life. a good citizen, alive to the best interests of town & parish, and a man whose sincerity of purpose & high ideal of christianity has been exemplified, not only by his pulpit teaching, but by the far more powerful testimony of daily living, practicing always the precepts of the Master

Resolved:

That in his relations with this church he has always striven for the things that make for peace and righteousness. that he has sought our interests and not his own, and that he has been a whole souled unselfish leader in all thing tending to the prosperity of the church

Resolved:

That we wish also to acknowledge the great

1908. helpfulness of Mrs. Williams, her winning personality, her active assumption of the duties of a pastor's wife, her quick sympathy, and ~~her~~ especially her work for the children.

Resolved:

That we regretfully accept our pastor's resignation, realizing that his own best interests are thus served; and that, in the name of the children whose hearts he has won, the boys and young men whose comrade and leader he has been, the sick and sorrowing to whom his ready help and sympathy has gone out, and the rank and file of the church whom he has faithfully served, we extend to him our gratitude for his work with us, and our best wishes for his advancement and usefulness in the coming years.

Resolved:

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Williams, and that they be incorporated in the records of the church.

Mary Sawyer.
Abbie R. Gage
Chester Killam

Voted that the Church extend an invertation to Mr. Williams to supply our Church until the First of March next.

Voted that the Committee chosen to make arrangements for the Council, be the Committee of supply for the Church namely: John W. Parkhurst, J. Perley Killam and Miss Bessie Cleaveland

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1908.
Voted to adjourn this meeting.
Closed by singing No. 188 in Endeavor Hymnal

A true record
Attest: John H. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service, Nov. 1st 1908. Mr. Williams accepted the invitation of the Church to preach until the first of March next.
Nov. 8. 1908

At a Sunday morning service, the Church chose Deacon T. Perley Killam as Delegate, with the Pastor, to meet in Council with the Crombie St. Church of Salem, to Install the Rev. George Lawrence Parker to be their Pastor, in their place of worship, on Thursday, November 12th 1908. at three o'clock P.M.

1909. At the annual business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Botford, Mass. held in the Chapel on Saturday February 13th 1909. at three o'clock in the afternoon the following record was made.

Deacon T. Perley Killam was in the chair.

The Pastor, Rev. Walter Byron Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Voted to approve the records of the last annual business meeting, and intervening business as read by the Clerk.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.

Chose Miss Lucie A. Pealody } Church Treasurer.

Voted to approve the action of the Sunday School in the choice of John W. Parkhurst as Superintendent for 1909.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer which is as follows:

Report

Bal. Jan. 1908	$	.85
Recd. for Ch. Treasury		10.89

Paid for Envelopes for 2 years.	$ 2.48
" Dea. Killam	3.45
" for money orders & stamps	.88
" Dea. Parkhurst	2.30
total	$ 7.11
Bal. on hand	$ 2.63

1909.	Recd. for	Ministerial Aid Assoc.	$2.64
Treasurer's report continued.	"	" Ch. Building Soc^{y}	7.00
	"	" Chelsea Relief Fund	21.00
	"	" A. B. C. F. M.	32.00
	"	" Cong. Home M. Soc.^{y}	30.80
	"	" Mass. Bible Soc^{y}	9.26
	"	" Tuskegee Institute	5.00
	"	" Am. Miss. Assoc.	40.16
	"	" Education Soc^{y}	8.60
		total	$156.46

Voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the 1st Congl. Church of Botford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt., John M. Parkhurst.

Asst. Supt, George A. Gould.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Florence M. Merrill.

Librarian, Miss Lucy J. Killam.

Library Committee { Mrs. W. B. Williams. / Miss Lucie A. Peabody. / Mrs. Chester K. Killam.

About the 1st of October Mrs. Williams resigned as Libray Committe and Miss Florence James was chosen to succeed her.

Children's Sunday June 14th the School gave a concert in the foundery.

The annual Picnic was held at Ipswich Beach

1909. August 7th, the School going in Barges.

A Christmas tree and Entertainment was enjoyed by the School on Christmas eve.

On Easter Sunday every member of the School was presented with a plant.

On Memorial Sunday May 24, 1908 the School instead of having a regular session assembled at the Cemetery, and Mrs. Williams class of girls aided the Veterans in placing the flags on the Soldier's graves.

On Dec. 27 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Supt. John W. Parkhurst
Asst. Supt. George A. Gould.
Sec. & Treas. Miss Florence M. Arcuit.
Librarian, Miss Lucy Killam
Library Committee { Miss Florence James
Mrs. Chester Killam.
Mrs. T. Perley Killam.

There were 85 names on the roll at the beginning of the year; and 78 at the close of the year.

The average attendance was 50.

Number of sessions 48.

The following is the amount received and expended by the School.

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1908	$ 12.81
Received for Quarterlies	6.58
Contributions	100.78
From Mrs. Williams class for Hampton	3.17
Making a total received	$ 123.34

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1909

Expended

Home expenses	$26.60
Mass. S.S. Association	3.00
Hampton college	15.00
From Miss. Williams class for Hampton	3.17
Home Missionary Society	20.00
Fresh Air Fund	3.52
American Board	15.00
Mr. Miller in India	10.00
Thanksgiving Dinner for Boy of Boston	15.00
Rev. R.R. Kendall	4.00
Leaving a balance in the Treasury Jan. 1, 1909.	8.05
	$123.34 $123.34

The School also sent a heaping barrel full of Vegetables, Fruit etc. to the Little Wanderer's Home at Thanksgiving time.

Four members of the School united with the Church during the past year.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst
Superintendent.

Voted to accept the Report of the Treasurer of the Caroline E. Peabody fund. which is as follows:

Botford Jan 20 1909

Report of the Caroline E. Peabody Church fund.

Balon hand Jan. 22, 1908.	6.37
Received from Savings Bank	22.38
	28.75

1909. Paid for Library supplies 1.20
Music 1.25
S.S. Papers 6.10
Expenses of Holy week Banners for S.S.
& Express 7.35
Music 5.72
Children's day ex. 2.75
24.37 (Report says 37.39 Mistake 22)
Bal. [Report says 4.36 should be] 4.38
28.75 28.75

J. P. Killam

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody fund, which is as follows:

Botford Jan 20 1909

Report of Mary Ann Peabody Library fund

Bal on hand Jan 22 1908 2.63
Rec from Savings Bank 38.00
40.63

Paid for books money order express
& Postage 39.72
Bal .91
40.63

J. P. Killam Treas.

Voted to adopt the report of the Standing Committee on Church Benevolences for the year 1909. which is as follows
February, Church Building Society.
March, June & July, American Board. — April, September & October, American Missionary Association. —
May, August & November Home Missionary Society. —
December Educational Society — January 1910, S.S. & Publishing Society.

1909.

Voted to strike out Ministerial Aid Society on the list as first presented by the Standing Committee and insert Sunday School & Publishing Society in place of it, and accept it as it stands on previous page.

Chose Hiram N. Towne Delegate to the New England Congress of Churches, to be held at Manchester N. H. February 23 & 24, 1909.

Voted to adopt the same envelope system as last year, with the same ladies to serve as served last year, with the exception of Mrs. William B. Howe; Miss Grace I. Peabody to take Mrs. Howe's district with her own.

Chose Rev. Albert B. Peabody Representative to Topsfield to the 25 Anniversary of the Election of the present Deacons. Edwin S. Clifford & Charles J. Peabody of the Congl. Church, to be held March 28, 1909.

Chose T. Perley Killam Deacon for five years.

Roll was called by the Clerk.

Closed the meeting with singing Hymn 156 of Endeavor Hymnal.

A true record
Attest: John W. Peckhurst,
Church Clerk.

1909. At a Sunday morning service, February 21. 1909. William Irving Cummings name was proposed for membership, the Standing Committee met him on Sunday morning February 28, he was voted into the Church that morning, and was admitted by confession and Baptism.

At a Sunday morning service, May 9, 1909. Miss Mary Sawyer was chosen delegate to attend the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Mass. to be held in Boston at the Park St. Church May 18, 19 & 20. 1909.

Special Business Meeting to Call Rev. Edville A. Roys.

At a business meeting of the Church (First-Congregational) in Bedford held on Friday evening May 14, 1909. at 7-30 o'clock in the Chapel, the following record was made.

Deacon T. Perley Killam was in the Chair.

Rev. Albert B. Peabody opened the meeting with prayer.

Voted to take an informal ballot, to see if the Church will give a call to Rev. Edville A. Roys to become our Pastor and Religious teacher.

Voted that the above vote be taken by a written ballot; those desiring to give him a call to vote yes, and those opposed to vote no.

The vote was taken 28 voting yes and 5 no.

Voted that we proceed to take a ballot to see if we will give Rev. Edville A. Roys a call to be our Pastor.

1909.

Voted to give Rev. Edville A. Roys a call to become our Pastor and Religious teacher. 30 voting yes. 5 voting no.

Voted that the Supply Committee of the Church, namely: Deacon John W. Parkhurst, Deacon T. Perley Killam and Miss Bessie Cleareland be a Committee to communicate the action of the Church to Rev. Mr. Roys and to make arrangements for his Installation in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A true record,
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1909. Call to Rev. Edrille Adallus Roys.

Rev. Edrille Adallus Roys;

Dear Brother.

The undersigned, on behalf of the First Congregational Church of Botford, Mass.

And the First Parish connected therewith. beg leare respectfully to submit to your consideration the following certified copies of recent votes of that Church and Parish.

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church in Botford held on Friday evening May 14, 1909. at 7-30 o'clock in the Chapell, the following record was made.

Deacon T. Perley Killam was in the Chair.

Voted to give Rev. Edrille Adallus Roys a call to become our Pastor and Religious teacher.

30 voting yes. 5 voting no.

Voted that the Supply Committee of the Church, namely: Deacon John W. Parkhurst, Deacon T. Perley Killam and Miss Bessie Clearland be a Committee to communicate the action of the Church to Rev. Mr. Roys and to make arrangements for his Installation in case he accepts and the Parish concur.

A true copy of record

T. P. Killam Chairman.
John W. Parkhurst, Clerk.

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Call continued

1909

At a legal meeting of the First Parish held May 21 1909 it was voted that the Parish concur with the Church in requesting Rev. Edville Adallus Roys to become our Pastor and religious teacher, 20 voting yes 3 voting no

Voted that should he accept our joint invitation the Parish will pay him an annual salary of $800.00, to be paid ~~hereafter~~ in quarterly instalments, and the use of the Parsonage as long as the relation shall continue.

Voted that should this invitation be accepted the Pastor be entitled to an annual vacation of three sundays.

Voted that L. K. Morse & H. N. Towne be a committee to act with committee of the Church in all procedures made necessary by the above votes

A true copy
H. N. Towne, Moderator
T. P. Killam Clerk

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk

Allow us dear sir to add to the invitation conveyed in these votes the expression of our earnest hope that you will be able to see clearly that it is the desire of the Great Head of the Church that you accept this call and will name an early day for the Installation services

Yours in the Gospel

Committee of the Church and Parish.
John W. Parkhurst
T. P. Killam
Bessie Cleareland
H. N. Towne
Lewis Kennedy Morse

Buford, May 22, 1909.

1909.

Acceptance of Call.

Botford, Mass., May 29, 1909.

To the members of the First Congregational Church and Parish of Botford, Mass.

This is to certify that the Rev. Edville Adallus Roys accepts the call extended to him by the First Congregational Church of Botford, Mass on May 14, 1909. which call was endorsed one week later by the Parish of said church.

Hereby the Rererand Edville A. Roys binds himself to become your pastor and spiritual teacher and to perform all duties belong to the Christian minister to the best of his ability.

And in accepting the ~~affore~~ afore mentioned, ~~will~~ call he agrees to the terms specified in the document signed by the Church and Parish Committee on May 22, 1909.

The acceptance of the call shall take effect on the First Sunday in June 1909.

Signed — Edville Adallus Roys.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

June 20, 1909

1909. At a Sunday morning service it was Voted that the following named Churches and Individuals be invited to sit in an Ecclesiastical Council with this Church, in the Installation of Rev. Edville Adallus Roys. viz;

First Church,	Georgetown.
Tabernacle "	Salem.
Crombie St "	"
First "	Danvers.
Cong. "	West Boxford.
" "	Topsfield.
" "	Middleton.
" "	Linebrook.
" "	Magnolia.

Rev. Emery L. Bradford, East Weymouth.
Rev. Samuel C. Bushnell, Arlington.
Dr. Charles B. Rice, Boston.
Rev. W. S. Sweet, Everett.
Prof. George H. Palmer, Cambridge.
Rev. Frederic Palmer, Andover.

At a Sunday evening meeting, June 27, 1909. it was voted to invite the following named persons in addition to the foregoing to sit in Council with with this Church. viz:

Rev. John G. Taylor, Arlington Heights.
Rev. George W. Brooks, Dorchester.
Rev. Walter B. Williams, Newton.
Rev. Ozro Roys. Livermore Falls, Maine.

A true record
Attest: John H. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

1909. Council to dismiss Rev. Walter Byron Williams and to Install Rev. Edville Adallus Roys

Botford Mass. July 8th 1909.

Pursuant to letters missive sent from the First Church of Botford an ecclesiastical Council convened in the Botford Meeting House at 10 o'clock A.M.

The Council was called to order by Rev. Dewitt S. Clark D.D. of the Tabernacle Church Salem.

Prof. G.H. Palmer of Cambridge was elected Moderator

& Rev. F.A. Sanborn of second Church Botford Scribe.

The Moderator opened the session with Prayer.

A roll call of the invited churches & individuals resulted as follows:

First Church	Georgetown	Rev. Mr. Low & Mrs. C.H. Tenney	
Tabernacle	" Salem	" Dr. Clark & G.D.H. Clark	
Crombie St.	" Salem	" Mr. Parker & A.H. Brown	
First	" Danvers	F.W. Fisher	
Second	" Botford	Rev. F.A. Sanborn	
	" Topsfield	" Mr. Dunn & J.C. Gould	
	" Linebrook	" " Alcott & J.H. Tenney	

Rev. Dr. Rice of Danvers
Prof. G.H. Palmer " Cambridge
Rev. Mr. J.G. Taylor " Arlington Hts
" G.W. Brooks " Dorchester
" W.B. Williams " Newton
" Ezra Roys " Livermore Falls, Maine

A quorum being present the council proceeded to the work for which it was called.

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1864 The clerk of the church was requested to read the records of the resignation of Rev. H. B. Williams of his Pastoral office. The Parish records were also read by the clerk of that body.

A vote that these records are satisfactory was given, & a committee appointed to draw up suitable resolutions relative to the dismission of Rev. Mr. Williams.

This Committee was made up of the following gentlemen viz:-

Rev Dr C. B. Rice
" " D. S. Clark
" John G. Taylor.

Mr. Williams offered brief remarks upon the reason for his withdrawal from the office, after which it was voted in open council that the Pastoral relations of Mr. Williams to this church is terminated.

The records of the church & Parish relating to the call of Rev. E. A. Roys were then read & voted satisfactory

Mr. Roys gave his statement of religious experience & belief. credentials showing his former & present Ministerial Standing were also offered, consisting of a Certificate of Ordination in the Universalist Church; a letter of Dismission & Recommendation from the Universalist Association; a letter declaring membership in the Park Ave. Congl Church & Arlington Hts. Mass; & a license from the Suffolk North Congl. Ministers Association.

A roll call of the delegates offering an opportunity to question the candidate being

1909 completed, the council told to be by itself.

The records were first corrected & approved.

Rev. Dr Clark offered the motion which was unanimously carried, that the examination of the candidate is Satisfactory & that we proceed with the church to the installation. A committe consisting of: Rev. J. G. Taylor, Rev. Ozro Roys & Mr. G. E. H. Clark, was appointed to notify the church & candidate of the favorable action of the Council & to arrange for the installation exercises.

The committee on resolutions made its report which was heartily adopted:-

"In coming to this result the Council would express its appreciation of the personal worth, the faithful & efficient service of Rev. W. B. Williams as pastor of this Ancient church whose traditions he has well maintained. As a student in his earnestness & honesty of research, as a preacher, suggestive & helpful, as a Pastor vigilant & gracious, as a citizen trusted & esteemed, we heartily commend him to any church seeking one to minister in the name of Master. We recognize the delightful relation existing between Mr. Williams & the Botford Church & anticipate for his successor a similar & prosperous ministry."

The committee on arrangements brought in a Program which was adopted:-

Organ Voluntary	
Anthem: "Be joyful in the Lord"	Choir
Reading of Minutes	Scribe
Invocation	Rev W. P. Alcott Limerock
Reading Scriptures	" J. G. Taylor Arlington Ills
Hymn No 766	"Pour out Thy Spirit"

1909 Sermon Rev Geo L Parker Crombie St Ch Salem
Solo
Installing prayer Rev David S Clark Tabernacle Ch Salem
Charge to the Pastor, Rev Geo M Brooks Dorchester
Anthem, "Eternal Truth," Choir
Right Hand of Fellowship Rev F A Sanborn N Bedford
Charge to the People Rev W B Williams Newton
Hymn No 563 "How Firm a Foundation"
Benediction Pastor

Voted to empower the Scribe to complete the records

Voted that the Council stand adjourned at the close of the installation exercises

G. H. Palmer Moderator
F. A. Sanborn Scribe

A true copy
Attest: John M. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service held October 10, 1909. Miss Mary E Earland and Miss Mary Sawyer were chosen Delegates to attend the Fall meeting of the Essex South Conference to be held in the Crombie St. Church, Salem October 13, 1909.

1909 At a Sunday morning service, October 24, 1909. it was voted to grant the request of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Byron Williams, asking for letters of dismission from this Church, and a recommendation to the Central Square Congl. Church of Bridgewater, Mass.

Their letter having been read at a Sunday evening service, October 17, 1909.

At a Sunday morning service, November 7, 1909. a letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. John Albert Elliott asking to be dismissed from this Church and a letter of recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Danvers, Mass. the following Sunday, November 14, 1909 the Church voted to grant their request.

To the First Congregational Church of Boxford
This Certifies that Mr. John Albert Elliott, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the 5th day of December A.D. 1909. united into the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Danvers.
Dec. 6, 1909. Attest Nathaniel B. Fisk Pastor

To the First Congregational Church of Boxford
This Certifies that Mr. John Albert Elliott, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the 5 day of December A.D. 1909, received into the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Danvers
Dec. 6 1909. Attest Nathaniel B. Fisk Pastor

A true copy Attest: John H. Parkhurst, Church Clerk.

1910 At the annual business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Roxbury, held in the Chapel on Monday Jan. 2d 1910 at three o'clock P.M. the following record was made. Deacon C.P. Tolman presided at the opening of the meeting

Voted to receive Rev. Edwin Winslow Rose and Mrs. Rose into the membership of this Church on confession of faith, and to report the Church Jan. 2. 1910.

Mr. Rose then took the chair.

The records of the last annual business meeting and of the preceding business meeting were read by the Clerk and approved.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer which is as follows:

Report.

Bal. Jan. 1909.	$ 2.63
Recd. for Church Treasury.	11.33
Total.	$ 13.96.
Paid Conf. Tax.	$ 7.50.
[illegible]	6.46.
Total.	$ 13.96.

Received for

Ministerial Aid Assoc.	$ 9.54
Church Building Soc.	10.60
[illegible]	46.50
Congl. Home Miss. Soc.	45.54
[illegible]	41.61

1910

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Voted to accept the report of the trustees of the Mary Ann Peabody Fund, which is as follows:

Boxford, Jan. 26. 1910.

Report of the Mary Ann Peabody Library Fund.

[illegible]

Voted to accept the report of the trustees of the Caroline E. Peabody Fund, which is as follows:

Boxford. Jan. 26. 1910.

Report of the Caroline E. Peabody Fund.

Bal. on hand Jan. 26. 09	$4.36
Rec'd. from Savings Bank	12.00
Bal. on Hand	[illegible]
	$16.36

1910. Paid for Library Numbers. .60
" " " Collection .53
" " S.S. Papers. 6.10
" " Envelopes. .63
" " Class supplies. 3.19
$11.25.

$13.25.

[illegible] Milliken
Milton, Texas.

Voted To accept the report of the Superintendent of the Sunday-School, which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Congl. Church of Bedford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31st. 1909

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt. John H. Perkins.
Asst. Supt. Miss A. Goodell.
Sec. & Treas. Miss Florence M. Lovell.
Librarian Miss Lucy L. Wilson.
Library Committee { Miss Florence Jones, Mrs. Chester Wilson, Miss J. Ruby Whitney.

There were 78 members enrolled at the beginning of the year and 73 at the close. The average attendance was 50. There were 58 scholars in the school.

On Easter Sunday a concert was given by the School, and every member received a plant. A collection was also taken

1910

Children's Sunday.

The School rejoices in one day out of each year which is devoted to the interests of the children.

On Christmas eve we entertained over seven hundred members of the School in connection with the Christmas tree.

The School sent their contributions to the Home, Sunday School Association and gave five cents each on this occasion.

The following amount was raised by the School.

Hamilton College	$25.00
Special Collection for Hampton by Mrs. Hilliard's class	2.24
Children's Day offering for Fresh Air fund	14.00
American Board.	10.00
Mr. Miller in India.	10.00
Home Missionary Society.	10.00
Chapter paid Dues for Rev. of Boston.	5.00
Church Building Society.	15.00
	$96.24

A barrel of Vegetables and Fruit

was sent to the Home of the Aged in Brooklyn.

Although no additions have been made to the Church membership from the school the past year we hope that the seed sown has not been in vain and that before long some of our members will come forward and

1910 [illegible]

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1910 January 30, 1910, the Standing Committee submitted to the Church the following list of benevolences for the year.
February. Church Building Society
March, American Bd. of Com. of Foreign Missions
April, Seamen's Aid Society.
May, Home Missionary Society.
June, A.B.C.F.M.
July, A.B.C.F.M.
Aug. Home Missionay Society.
Sept. A.M.A.
Oct. A.M.A.
Nov. H.M.S
Dec. Education Society.
January 1911. Sunday School and Publishing Society.

April 22, 1910 the Standing Committee of the Church met the following persons at the Parsonage at eight oclock P.M. viz:
Miss Florence Killam, Miss Ethel Hazen Buck, Mr. Ernest Wyman Mortimer, Mr. Ebenezer Hobart Lake, Mr. Robert Bernard Parkhurst, Mr. Walter Robert Buck and Lotin Rodney Parkhurst.

Their names were propounded to the Church on Sunday morning April 24th. And they were all received into the Church upon confession of faith.

The sacrament of Baptism being administered to Miss Florence Killam, Mr. Robert Bernard Parkhurst, Ernest Wyman Mortimer and Ebenezer Hobart Lake. Sunday morning May 1st. 1910.

1910 At the Sunday morning service May 1, 1910 John W. Parkhurst was chosen a delegate to sit in an Ecclesiastical Council with the Dane St. Church of Beverly, Mass. to Install the Rev. Judson V. Clancy.

May 25. 1910.
At a Wednesday evening meeting, the Church voted to purchase new Hymn Books, entitled Church Hymn & Tunes, published by A.S. Barnes & Co. of New York.

At a Children's Concert held Sunday morning June 26, 1910. Charles David Tutty jr. infant son of Charles David Tutty and Irma E. (Bean) Tutty was baptized by the Pastor, Mr. Roys.

At a Wednesday evening meeting, July 20th, 1910. a letter from the Pilgrim Congl. Church of St. Louis, Missouri was read, granting dismission to Mrs. Anna Palmer Loring, and recommending her to the fellowship of this Church.

Sunday morning August 7th 1910. this Church voted to receive her into its fellowship.

At a Sunday morning service October 2, 1910, Mrs. Annie E. Black and Deacon Parkhurst were chosen Delegates to attend the Essex South Association of Churches, (Fall Meeting) to be held at the North Church, Lynn October 5th 1910.

1910. At a Sunday morning service, October 9. 1910. Mrs. Abbie R. Gage and Miss Mary C Learland were chosen delegates to attend the American Missionary Association meeting to be held in Boston in October 1910.

x Mar 8, 1910. Chester Killam and Hiram N. Towne were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference to be held at Rockport, May 11, 1910.

1911. At the annual business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, Mass. held in the Chapel on Wednesday January 18, 1911. at three o'clock in the afternoon, the following record was made.

Pastor Rev. Edville A. Roys was in the chair.

Records of the last annual business meeting and intervening business was read by the Clerk and approved

Voted that the Chair cast one ballot for John W. Parkhurst for Church Clerk.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.

Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for Miss Lucie A. Peabody for Church Treasurer.

Chose Miss Lucie A. Peabody } Church Treasurer.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer which is as follows:

Report for 1910

Recd. for Ch. Treasury		$23.49
Paid Tax for 1909	$8.89	
Dea. Parkhurst	3.00	
Miss M. E. Perley	1.00	
Tax for 1910	7.50	
Postage	1.~~10~~ 12	
Balance	1.92	
		$23.49

1911. Received

For A. B. C. F. M.	$50.00
" C. Home M. Soc.	48.70
" Am. Miss. Assoc.	24.50
" Ch. Building Soc.	7.00
" SS & Pub. Soc.	10.62
" Congl. Ed^n Soc.	8.50
" Seamen's Friend Soc.	9.57
" Mrs. Burnell	6.00
" Anti-Saloon League	47.85
total	$212.74

Lucie A. Peabody
Treas.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody fund.

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer of the Caroline E. Peabody fund.

Voted to accept the report of the Sunday School Superintendent, which is as follows:

Report of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, Mass. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

Officers at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Supt., John W. Parkhurst.
Asst. Supt., George A. Gould.
Secretary & Treasurer, Miss Florence M. Averill.
Librarian, Miss Lucy J. Killam.

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1911.

Library Committee { Miss Florence James
Mrs. Chester Killam
Mrs. T. Perley Killam

Mrs. Chester Killam later resigned and Mrs. C. W. Paul was elected to fill the vacancy.

The School gave a Concert on Easter Sunday at which time every member received a plant.

A Concert was also given by the School on Children's Sunday.

The annual Picnic was held at Ipswich Beach July 7th taking three Barges and several carriages to carry the party, it was a beautiful day and every one seemed to enjoy it.

On Christmas eve a Christmas tree and entertainment was enjoyed by those who were able to attend., it being a very stormy night.

The number enrolled at the beginning of the year was 73 and 82 at the close of the year.

The average attendance was 51.

The largest attendance was on April 10, which was 61.

The smallest attendance was on October 23, which was 42.

Number of sessions of the School 49.

During the year a Home department has been added to the School, with a membership of ten, and Miss Mary Cleareland as Supt.

Also a Kindergarten class of ten members and Mrs. Lizzie Butterfield as Supt. and Miss Charlotte Perley as Assistant.

The following is the amount received and expended by the School

1911	Balance in the Treasury Jan. 1, 1910.	$3.33
	Received for Quarterlies	9.33
	Contributions	96.96
	Fresh Air Fund	7.11
	Collection from Harvest Concert	4.50
	" " Home Dept.	2.46
	Total received	$123.69

Expenditures

Home expenses	22.77
Mr. Ensminger, West Tampa Florida	15.00
Ward Academy	10.00
Church in Bristol, Vt.	1.00
Fresh Air Fund	7.11
Mr. Miller in India	10.00
American Board	15.00
American Missionary Association	10.00
Sunday School Association	2.50
Poor of Boston, Thanksgiving Dinner	5.31
Church Building Society	10.00
Hamilton College "	15.00
Total expended	$123.67

A large box of Vegetables and fruit was sent to the Little Wanderer's Home at Thanksgiving time.

Seven members of the school have united with the Church during the last year.

At the close of the year it seemed best that I should resign my position as Superintendent; I have enjoyed the work during these ten years, and wish to thank the Officers and Teachers and all others who

1911 have been interested in the school, for their help and patience in the management of the school. I hope our labors together have not been in vain, but that these young lives for whom we have worked, may early find their Saviour, and be willing to do their part in the bringing in of his kingdom.

Let us each give our hearty support to those who are engaged in the building up of our Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Parkhurst.
Supt.

Voted to adopt the same envelope system as was employed last year.

Voted that the same Solicitors serve this year as served last year.

Voted that the Church approve the action of the Sunday School in the choice of their Officers.

Voted that the Standing Committee submit a report of benevolences to the Church, the same as last year.

Voted to adopt the apportionment plan for the coming year.

Voted that the matter of the apportionment plan be laid on the table until the Standing Committee

1911. consult with the Sabbath School and the Ladies Society and report at some future meeting.

Voted to dispense with the Roll Call.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

At a Children's Concert held Sunday morning June 11, 1911. Hazel Iola Killam, infant daughter of Chester and Minnie Iola (Tidds) Killam was baptized by the Pastor, Mr. Rogs.

Sunday June 25, 1911. Hiram N. Towne was chosen a delegate to attend the Council, called to dismiss the Rev. Will A. Dietrick, Pastor of the South Congl. Church of Peabody, Mass.

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This is to certify that Miss Ida E. Bixby of Botford personally informed me July 18, 1911. that she had legally adopted Miss Eva Marguerite Conley, and that her name had been changed to Bixby, and that she wished me to change her name on the Church Record, which I have done this day.

July 28, 1911.

Attest: John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

1911. At a Sunday morning service ~~November~~ October 29, 1911, a letter was read from Mrs. Edith G. Conant, asking to be dismissed from this Church, and a letter of recommendation to the Congregational Church of West Somerville, Mass.

The following Sunday November 5th 1911. the Church voted to grant her request.

To the First Congregational Church of Boxford

This Certifies that Mrs. Edith G. Conant, recommended to our Christian fellowship by you, was, on the 5th day of November A.D. 1911, received into the membership of the Congl-Church of W. Somerville

Attest James C. Clarke Clerk.

Nov. 12, 1911.

A true copy
Attest: John W. Parkhurst,
Church Clerk.

Sunday morning Dec. 3. 1911 Miss Bessie Cleareland, was chosen Delegate to ~~attend~~ sit in an Ecclesiastical Council with the South Congl. Church of Peabody to Install the Rev.
December 7, 1911.

1912. At the annual business meeting of the 1st Congl. Church of Boxford, Mass. held in the Chapel on Wednesday January 17, 1912. at 2-30 o'clock P.M. the following record was made.

The Pastor (Mr. Roys) was in the chair.

Rev. Albert B. Peabody opened the meeting with prayer.

Voted to omit the reading of the various reports in the records of the last annual meeting.

Records of the last annual business meeting and intervening business was read by the Clerk and approved.

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Church Clerk.

Chose Miss Lucie A. Peabody } Church Treasurer.

Voted to proceed to elect one Deacon

Chose John W. Parkhurst } Deacon for five years.

Voted to accept the report of the Church Treasurer, which is as follows:—

Report for 1911.

Bal. in Ch. Treasury Jan.		$1.92
Recd. from S-S-Treas.		1.00
" " 4 collections		20.75
total		$23.67
Paid Dea. Parkhurst	3.00	
" ~~for~~ from Postage	1.05	
" Dea. Parkhurst	3.00	
for 1911	$7.05	7.05
		$16.62

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1912 Recd. and Forwarded

For Ministerial Relief	$4.00
" S.S. and Pub. Soc.	8.87
" Church Building Soc.	11.70
" American Board	48.60
" Am. Miss. Assoc.	25.10
" Congl. Home Miss. Soc.	37.00
" Congl. Education Soc.	13.07
total	$148.34
Not sent	1.40
total	$149.74

With the help of the S-School we have given $200. of the $275. apportionment according to the per cents expected

Lucie A. Peabody Treas.

Voted to accept the reports of the Treasurer of the Mary Ann Peabody and Caroline E. Peabody funds which are as follows

Boxford Jan 1 1912

Report of Mary Ann Peabody Library Fund

Balance on hand Jan 25 1911		$41.12
Paid for books	39.29	
" " Express	.80	
	40.09	
Balance	1.03	
	41.12	

Respectfully submitted

T. P. Killam Treas.

About 47.00 interest in bank at present time

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Report of Caroline E. Peabody Fund

Bal. on hand Jan 25 1911		$5 13
Paid for Handbooks	65	
Express	15	
Envelopes	1.50	
Tuning Piano	3.12	
S.S. Papers	5.60	
	11.82	
Leaving a deficit of		6.69

Balance in bank of about 23.70

T. P. Kilburn Treas.

Voted to approve the action of the Sabbath School in the choice of its Superintendent.

Voted that the Church raise one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) for the Apportionment Plan this year.

Chose Rev. Albert B. Peabody } Delegate to the Missionary Meeting in Salem.

Voted to adopt the Envelope system this year.

Chose the same solicitors as last year. namely: Mrs. Horace Berry, Miss Grace S. Peabody, Mrs. Hiram N. Towne, Miss Mary N. Cleaveland and Mrs. Silas M. Locke

Voted to choose two young men as Ushers.

1912.
Chose Arthur S Spaulding } Ushers.
" John L. Killam }

Voted That it be left optional to the Deacons in choosing Assistants to take up the collections.

Voted to omit the Roll Call.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record.
Attest: John W. Parkhurst.
Church Clerk.

At a Sunday morning service, February 18, 1912; the Church voted to pay the expenses of persons sent out by various Societies to speak concerning their work.

At a Sunday morning service, March 17, 1912: the Church voted to reconsider the vote passed on February 18, 1912, whereby they voted to pay the expenses of persons sent out by various Societies to speak concerning their work.

At a Sunday morning service, March 31, 1912; the Church voted to pay the Conference taxes usual

1912. On Friday evening April 19, 1912 the Standing committee met at the Parsonage to examine candidates for admission to this Church.

Sunday morning April 21, 1912 Deacon T. Perley Killam and Deacon John W. Parkhurst were appointed Delegates to attend the Spring meeting of the Essex South Association of Churches, to be held at the Maple Street Church, Lawrence, Mass. May 8, 1912.

Sunday morning April 28, 1912: the names of Anna Hooker Monk, Elizabeth Averill Paul and Gertrude Florence Butterfield were recommended by the Standing Committee for membership to this Church: the church voted to receive them into its membership, and they were all received into the Church May 5, 1912. upon confession of faith, they all having been baptized in infancy.